

HB 2165 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

Action Date: 03/03/21

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Transportation and then to Ways and Means both by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Helm, Marsh, Moore-Green, Owens, Pham, Smith DB, Speaker Kotek

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 2/3, 3/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires electric companies that make sales of electricity to 25,000 or more retail electricity consumers in this state to collect an amount, set to at least one quarter of one percent of the total revenues collected, from all retail electricity consumers in their service territory, to be expended to support and integrate transportation electrification pursuant to plan accepted by Public Utility Commission (Commission). Requires at least half of amounts collected to be invested in programs, infrastructure, rebates, or expenses that support transportation electrification in underserved communities. Sunsets January 2, 2031. Authorizes the Commission to allow electric companies to recover costs from retail electricity consumers for prudent infrastructure measures to support transportation electrification if certain criteria are met. Modifies eligibility for providing charge ahead rebates to qualifying households and low-income service providers and increases value of Charge Ahead zero-emission and electric vehicle rebate programs to a minimum of \$2,500 and up to a maximum of \$5,000. Expands public comment and community outreach activities to qualifying households and low-income service providers. Modifies provisions related to administrative costs and expenses of program by capping them at no more than 10 percent. Requires \$12 million from tax for privilege of engaging in business of selling motor vehicles at retail to fund the Zero-Emission Incentive Fund. Repeals sunset on standard and Charge Ahead zero-emission and electric vehicle rebate programs.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cost estimates of transportation electrification
- Moneys collected and expended by Charge Ahead zero-emission rebate program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

In Oregon, the transportation sector accounts for the largest proportion of energy consumption (31.1 percent in 2018, the most recent year data is available). Oregon has worked with other western states to expand electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure in the region, in particular through the work of the West Coast Electric Highway and the Regional Electric Vehicle Plan for the West (REV West). The shared goals in the region are to promote EV adoption and create a system of charging stations in the west. Governor Brown's Electric Vehicles Roadmap Initiative outlines expansion of EV charging stations.

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