

PGE Testimony on Senate Bill 542 - Task Force on Vehicle Charging Stations

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Public charging is an essential part of the transition to electric vehicles. It's needed for passenger vehicle users who don't have access to off street parking and needed for delivery or fleet applications if vehicles do not return to their home base. It's also needed at public destinations like parks and public facilities. Over the last several years, PGE has deployed seven "Electric Avenue" pods of 4-6 Level 2 and DC fast public charging stations across our service area.

It is incumbent on state government to ensure that benefits of transportation electrification transition are realized statewide, not utility by utility. To inform the charging needs and barriers around our state, the Oregon Department of Transportation has a statewide transportation electrification needs analysis underway now to be completed by June 2021, which will include policy recommendations for the Legislature. PGE is pleased to be participating in this effort.

If the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment would like to move forward with this task force, we recommend adding several members with experience deploying and supporting electric vehicle chargers, including a utility with experience in deploying electric transportation infrastructure.

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