

Co-Chairs Beyer and McLain and Members of the Committee: I strongly support HB 2165A. This bill would provide an essential mechanism for the expansion of an EV charging infrastructure to benefit all Oregonians, particularly those of low income or living in apartments. The greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels for transportation are significant, and for Oregon to meet its statewide GHG emissions goals, this bill will be an essential step. The purchase and use of electric vehicles needs to be made affordable to all Oregonians. This includes both widespread availability of charging stations and rebates for the purchase of EVs. I believe this bill has widespread public support.