

HB 3550 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires state agencies that purchase or lease light-duty vehicles after January 1, 2025, to acquire only zero emission vehicles. Provides exception in cases where zero-emission vehicles are not feasible for the specific use intended for the vehicle. Directs Department of Administrative Services to use biofuels, or electricity derived from biofuels, in lieu of diesel for new facilities or machinery.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Executive Order 17-21 established Oregon's goal of reaching 50,000 registered electric vehicles (EVs) in the state by 2020. The proposal originated as part of Oregon's membership in the Multi-State Zero Emission Vehicle Task Force. The Legislative Assembly has since enacted House Bill 2017, which established the Zero Emission Vehicle Rebate Program and the Charge Ahead Rebate Program to incentivize private-sector adoption of EVs. Senate Bill 1044 (2019) established requirements for state agencies to make 25 percent of new light-duty vehicle purchases zero-emission vehicles by 2025, and all such purchases and leases be zero-emission vehicles by 2029; House Bill 2027 accelerated the 100 percent goal to 2025 wherever feasible

House Bill 3550 modifies the definition of light duty vehicle and specifies that state agencies are to purchase or lease only zero-emission vehicles beginning January 1, 2025.