



March 9, 2023

Chair Janeen Sollman
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Support for SB 582 and -1 Amendment

Chair Sollman and members of the Committee,

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. **We support SB 582 and the -1 amendment.**

Oregon has made significant strides in the transition to electric vehicles but much more is needed in the next five years. Thanks to federal funding from the Infrastructure Act and increasing utility and ODOT investments, Oregon is dramatically scaling up our charging infrastructure.

We support ensuring there is a high standard for safety in the electrical workforce. With thousands of new fleet, commercial and public charging stations on the docket for installation, it is important that Oregon ensure that the workers for EV charging installations are well trained to carry out the work. SB 582 addresses this need. It will provide greater consistency in training and installation of charging stations while also preparing new entrants to enter the market. With the -1 amendment, the bill also appropriately narrows the new requirements to larger installations and exempts residential charging installations.

We urge you to vote yes on SB 582 with the -1 amendment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meredith Connolly".

Meredith Connolly
Oregon State Director
Climate Solutions