



April 5, 2023

Joint Committee on Transportation

RE: HB2613

Dear Legislators,

The Lake Oswego Sustainability Network, a Lake Oswego ten year old non-profit actively working for a sustainable future for our current community and future generations, strongly support HB2613 to allow for the restoration of the Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program (OCVRP).

When we jointly worked with our city staff in the development of a Climate Action Plan it became clear that the one activity that would have the greatest climate reduction impact in the shortest amount of time was to promote electric vehicles in our community.

We have held five Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive events each fall as part of National Drive Electric week with tremendous success. Hundreds of people attended from throughout the Portland metro region to test drive EVs and talk to dozens of owners about their EV experience.

EV registrations in 2021 were over 1600 vehicles, a 270% increase before we held our events.

Currently we are working with Portland General Electric on an EV charger pilot program to place EV chargers on utility poles next to multifamily housing. Our intention is to let tenants know that EV charging is readily available for them.

The suspension of OCVRP seriously undercuts our work and hurts not only our community but in turn the whole region and state.

To address a similar shortfall, in 2022, lawmakers allocated \$15 million to help meet short-term demand. Please do so again by approving HB2613.

Respectfully,

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