

## HB 3598 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to study electric vehicles; directs DEQ to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than September 15, 2026; and sunsets the study and reporting requirements on January 2, 2027.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment replaces the measure and appropriates moneys to various state agencies for uses related to electric vehicle programs.

##### Detailed summary:

Appropriates out of the General Fund, in addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, the following amounts to the agencies indicated for the specified reasons:

- \$60 million to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for deposit in the Zero-Emission Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicle Incentive Fund
- \$20 million to DEQ for deposit in the Medium and Heavy-Duty Electrification Charging Fund;
- \$12 million to DEQ for deposit in the Zero-Emission Incentive Fund; and
- \$30 million to the Department of Transportation, for the purpose of providing rebates for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations under the community charging rebates program.
- *FISCAL: Lite Fiscal Impact statement issued*
- *REVENUE: No Revenue Impact*

##### BACKGROUND:

There are several types of electric vehicles (EVs) on the market today, including vehicles that are partially or fully powered by electricity or other fuels and other modes of transportation such as scooters, motorcycles, trains, and airplanes. The Department of Environmental Quality administers EV rebate programs in the state.