

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2961

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Including House Amendments dated April 14

Sponsored by Representative GAMBA; Representatives HELM, NGUYEN H, Senators GORSEK, PHAM K (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Sets the percentage of parking spaces in some new buildings that must have what is needed to charge electric cars. (Flesch Readability Score: 72.3).

[Digest: Increases the number of parking spaces in some new buildings that must have what is needed to charge electric cars. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.0).]

[Increases] **Specifies, for newly constructed buildings within a metropolitan jurisdiction,** the percentage of electrical service capacity for charging electric vehicles or electric vehicle charging stations that must be installed at vehicle parking spaces in the garages or parking areas of *[newly constructed]* commercial buildings, multifamily buildings with *[five]* **10** or more units and mixed-use buildings consisting of privately owned commercial space and *[five]* **10** or more residential dwelling units.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the capacity for electric vehicle charging required in certain newly constructed
3 buildings; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 455.417.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 455.417 is amended to read:

6 455.417. (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Electric vehicle charging station" means a device or facility for delivering electricity for
8 motor vehicles that use electricity for propulsion.

9 *[(b) "Municipality" has the meaning given that term in ORS 455.010.]*

10 **(b) "Metropolitan jurisdiction" means a city, county or other local government body that**
11 **exists within Clackamas, Multnomah or Washington County.**

12 (c) "Provisions for electrical service capacity" means:

13 (A)(i) Building electrical service, sized for the anticipated load of electric vehicle charging
14 stations, that has overcurrent devices necessary for electric vehicle charging stations or has ade-
15 quate space to add the overcurrent devices;

16 (ii) Designated space within a building to add electrical service with capacity for electric vehi-
17 cle charging stations; or

18 (iii) A designated location on building property, in or adjacent to a landscaped area, for in-
19 stallating remote service for electric vehicle charging stations; and

20 (B) A conduit system installed from building electrical service, or from the dedicated spaces or
21 locations described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, to parking spaces that can support, at a
22 minimum, electrical wiring for installation of level 2 electric vehicle charging stations and, if the
23 conduit is for future installation of electric vehicle charging stations, that labels both ends of the

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 conduit to mark the conduit as provided for future electric vehicle charging stations.

2 (d) "Townhouse" has the meaning given that term in ORS 197A.420.

3 (2)(a) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt amend-
4 ments to the state building code to require newly constructed buildings [*described in subsection (3)(a)*
5 *of this section*] **within a metropolitan jurisdiction** to include provisions for electrical service ca-
6 pacity for charging electric vehicles. The code must require **within a metropolitan jurisdiction**
7 that:

8 (A) Each **commercial building in private ownership** include, at a minimum, provisions for
9 electrical service capacity at no less than 20 percent of the vehicle parking spaces in the garage
10 or parking area for the building.

11 (B) Each **multifamily residential building with 10 or more residential dwelling units, or**
12 **mixed-use building consisting of privately owned commercial space and 10 or more residential**
13 **dwelling units, include, at a minimum:**

14 (i) **Provisions for electrical service capacity at no less than 20 percent of the vehicle**
15 **parking spaces that are available in the garage or parking area for the building; and**

16 (ii) **Level 2 or level 3 electric vehicle charging stations installed and ready for use in at**
17 **least five percent, but not less than one, of the vehicle parking spaces that are available in**
18 **the garage or parking area for the building.**

19 (b) Fractional numbers derived from a calculation of the vehicle parking spaces must be rounded
20 up to the nearest whole number.

21 [(3)(a) *The director shall make code requirements under subsection (2) of this section applicable*
22 *only to:*]

23 [(A) *Commercial buildings under private ownership;*]

24 [(B) *Multifamily residential buildings with five or more residential dwelling units; and*]

25 [(C) *Mixed-use buildings consisting of privately owned commercial space and five or more resi-*
26 *dential dwelling units.*]

27 [(b)] (3) The director may not make code requirements under subsection (2) of this section ap-
28 plicable to townhouses.

29 (4) Notwithstanding ORS 455.040, a [*municipality*] **metropolitan jurisdiction** may, by process
30 concerning land use, require that each newly constructed building described in subsection [(3)(a)]
31 (2) of this section include provisions for electrical service capacity to accommodate more than [20
32 *percent of*] **the percentages specified in subsection (2) of this section** for vehicle parking spaces
33 in the garage or parking area for the building.

34 **SECTION 2. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall**
35 **ensure that the initial amendments to the state building code required under the amend-**
36 **ments to ORS 455.417 by section 1 of this 2025 Act:**

37 (1) **Take effect on July 1, 2026; and**

38 (2) **Apply to new construction for which a person first applies for a building permit within**
39 **a metropolitan jurisdiction on or after July 1, 2026.**

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