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As an EV driver for the last seven years, I can attest to how easy and affordable EVs are to drive and charge. More people need access to charging so they can own EVs and lower their costs while reducing their carbon footprint.

With 40% of Oregonians being renters, this bill will open up the possibility of owning an EV to a large swath of our population that can't access home charging. It applies to new multifamily housing above a certain size and requires either an increased amount of charging capacity OR the installation of at least one actual EV charging station. The visibility of the charging station, as opposed to the mere underground conduit that is currently required, is key to driving EV adoption among our renter population.

In addition, charging stations at multi-family properties will likely increase the appeal of renting at these properties.

I have heard from many renters who'd like to own EVs but say their landlords don't provide charging. Let's make it happen in Oregon!

Best,

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