

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support for HB2961, the EV-ready Expansion bill. Passage of this important bill will be an important step forward in helping people in Oregon make the transition to electric vehicles. This bill is especially important for the 40% of Oregonians who are renters. Specifically, this bill will open up the possibility of owning an EV to a large swath of our population who currently cannot access home-charging. As 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 enhancing EV adoption among our renter population. I believe that this makes such multi-family housing more attractive for renters and landlords. This is a win-win effort and I strongly urge you to pass HB2961.

Thank you.

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