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Please pass this common sense bill to make sure that EV charging is available for people who rent. For homeowners with off street parking, this is the easiest and lowest cost way to pay for EV charging and offers tremendous convenience. This same benefit should be available for people who rent by having EV charging in multifamily buildings, commercial buildings and office buildings where those people work and shop.

People who have not yet transitioned to EVs always list charging as a barrier - the more charging that is available, the easier it will be to reduce the air and carbon pollution that comes from our vehicles. Cars and trucks are already the leading cause of air and carbon pollution in Oregon - this bill is critical to reduce that pollution.

Installing the electrical service for EV charging is much simpler when a new building is under construction than coming in later to retrofit those buildings - this is exactly the right place to focus first.

Please pass this bill - thank you.