

**Testimony to House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Support HB 2961 – EV-ready Expansion Bill**

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Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba & Levy and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today in strong support of HB 2961, a bill that would provide Oregon renters a path to owning an EV.

40% of Oregonians are currently renting their house or apartment. This bill would open a path for future renters to take advantage of owning an EV. By the time implementation of HB 2961 will show up in the market, the cost of owning or leasing an EV will be much, much lower as a stream of low cost EVs is coming from many auto makers worldwide. In addition to lower acquisition costs, future renters will need home charging capabilities in order to make that transition easily. It is also a matter of environmental and economic justice to enable our renting citizens to transition from fossil fuels to cleaner energy in their personal transportation.

Sincerely,

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