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With 40% of Oregonians being renters, passing this bill is just commonsense. As we see federal support for the absolutely necessary transition to EV, while our neighboring states of California and Washington maintain their commitment to the transition, it is imperative that we keep up lest we be at the mercy of others in terms of the costs and availability of EVs and EV infrastructure IN Oregon. An impediment to EV ownership and use in Oregon is the lack of accessibility to charging in rental housing. This bill will ensure that new multifamily housing above a certain size 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. We need to meet the needs of this significant part of Oregon's population and provide them with then opportunities to own and operates EVs by giving them easier access home-charging. Please vote in favor of this bill.