

Testimony in Support of HB 2961 by Thor Hinckley

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Dear House Committee on Climate Energy and Environment, As a member of Third Act Oregon, a group of Oregonians over 60 concerned with climate and democracy, I urge you to support HB 2961.

As a retired employee of PGE, where I managed the utilities renewable power program, I have actively promoted transportation electrification and renewables since 2001. Because vehicle emissions are Oregon's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, we need to do everything possible to promote the use of electric vehicles.

HB 2961 allows all Oregonians whether they own a home or rent the place they live in, to have access to an EV charger. Absent HB 2961, renters are discouraged from making the switch to emissions-free EVs due to the lack of a place to recharge/fuel their vehicle, this represents almost 40% of Oregonians who own a vehicle.

To meet our state's aggressive climate goals we need every vehicle owner in Oregon to have access to a place where they can recharge their vehicle. For all of these reasons, I urge you to support HB 2961.

Thor Hinckley