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I am lucky enough to own a house and to have been able to afford installing a charger for our EV. But I have many friends who live in apartments or multiplex housing who don't see installing a charger as a possibility. They would like to buy an EV when they need a new car, but without an accessible charger near their residence, using an EV becomes a lot less practical. Electrification of transportation is key to reducing carbon emissions and reducing the risk of drastic climate changes. We are already seeing alarming effects of these changes with increased and more intense heat waves, drought, wildfires, floods and more. So I urge you to pass this bill! With 40% of Oregonians being renters, this bill will open up the possibility of owning an EV to a large swath of our population who currently cannot access home-charging. I understand that 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. This will be better for renters than the underground conduit that is currently required. Thank You.