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Please support HB 2961, the EV-ready Expansion bill. This is no time to backpedal on Oregon's climate commitment. On the federal level, progress on climate action has stalled and will be heading in the wrong direction, so now states like Oregon who are committed to a liveable future must take the lead.

With 40% of Oregonians being renters, the EV-ready Expansion bill will open up the possibility of owning an EV to a large swath of our population who currently cannot access home-charging. 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. 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.

The world is moving forward with electrification, even if the Trump administration declares its loyalty to the technologies of centuries past. Let's ensure that Oregon is part of the future by expanding EV access to renters across our state.

Thank you,
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