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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2961

I write in support of HB 2961, which increases the percentage of electric vehicle charging stations that must be installed at newly constructed commercial buildings, apartment buildings, and others. We need to do as much as possible to encourage Oregonians to buy or rent electric vehicles to reduce the amount of greenhouse gases being emitted in our state. Emissions from privately owned vehicles are a large part of Oregon's total emissions. This would encourage people to turn to electric vehicles rather than continue to drive cars driven by gasoline or diesel motors. We must make the transition to all-electric transportation as soon as possible. Hydrogen power seems a ways off at this point. I consider myself to be a climate change refugee having to move after my home was destroyed by the Almeda wildfire in Talent, Oregon, on Sept. 8, 2020. I want my state to be a leader in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions, which cause climate change. I drive a Prius hybrid but if my apartment complex had chargers, I would buy an all-electric vehicle.

Thank you for considering my submission,  
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