

Dear Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,

As an Oregon renter I ask you to support this legislation. Currently there is no incentive for landlords to provide electric vehicle charging to their tenants. Because of this, myself and the nearly 40% of Oregonians like me who are renting are unable to purchase electric vehicles. This issue will become especially noticeable as electric vehicles become more affordable and used electric vehicles begin appearing on the market.

I have recently considered getting an electric car because my car needs to be replaced. The state and federal tax credits combined with cost savings on fuel and maintenance makes an electric car make economic sense for me, but unfortunately as I looked into the logistics it became really untenable. The nearest charger to my apartment is an over 20 minute walk away in a Fred Meyers parking lot. The logistical challenge of owning an electric car makes it currently impossible for me.

Renters such as myself have little control over what resources are available in our rentals. Because of the housing shortage, landlords are able to provide the bare minimum and we have to accept what is on the market. This bill will change that.

Please vote in favor of HB 2961.

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