

Dear Chair Lively and members of the House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee:

I am testifying in support of HB 2961 as a landlord and a physician who has seen the impacts of climate change.

Newly built housing, especially multi-unit and commercial buildings, lasts an incredibly long time. This small bill HB 2961 is just an extension of prior support to require electrical circuitry to support EV charging.

All 5 of my tenants are renters, hold jobs and while 1 doesn't own a car and relies on transit, the others need one to get to work. I looked into the cost of retrofitting my building to allow onsite charging, but it was very expensive. One of my tenants would have bought an EV if I could have provided onsite charging.

The cost of buying a used EV has come down considerably, especially with the federal rebates. Forty percent of Oregonians rent. The cost of maintenance and the lack of need to purchase gas, makes EV's much more attractive to lower income households. AAA reports it costs 130% more/y for fuel for gas vehicles (\$1,255/y) than for EV's at \$546/y. Likewise maintenance and repair is also lower due to lack of oil change or air filters. Brakes last over 100,000 miles or more due to the regenerative braking feature. On average EV maintenance costs are \$330 less than a gas-powered car (\$949/y).

As responsible Oregonians to meet the carbon pollution reduction targets, we are charged with targets to electrify a significant part of the auto fleet. Overnight charging is a significant need to achieve this goal.

In respect,

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