

Electric Vehicle Bills 2021 Legislative Session



“Charge, Incentivize, Educate!”

HB 2179 – Electric Tractor Cash Rebate . . . *Modifies existing EV Rebate Program*

Modifies zero-emission and electric vehicle rebate programs to allow rebate for purchase or lease of electric farm tractor or re-powering of farm tractor. Applies to electric farm tractors purchased or leased and farm tractor re-power costs incurred on or after January 1, 2022.

Includes agricultural community, giving them same existing cash rebate incentives for electric cars when purchasing an electric tractor, one of many available electric vehicles for purchase. If you're a farmer, it means you can breathe cleaner air, decrease engine noise, and have fewer maintenance and potentially fuel costs, too! So, if [a farmer chooses to buy an electric tractor](#), they get a financial break!

HB 2180 – Electricity for Electric Cars . . . *Amends existing state building code.*

Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to amend state building code to require that new construction of certain buildings include provisions for electrical service capacity for specified percentage of parking spaces. Allows municipality to adopt local percentage of parking space requirements higher than state building code requirements.

Plans for, and encourages, future needs for "filling up the battery" with electricity at home, at work, and while on business or at play! If you don't have what it takes in terms of electricity, then you can't "fill er up!" So, such state building codes are needed to make that happen, so everyone's included, too!

HB 2181 – Hybrid Redefine & Rebate Increase . . . *Changes definition, increases rebate, adjustments*

Modifies definition of “plug-in hybrid electric vehicle” for purposes of zero-emission and electric vehicle rebates. Adjusts amount of rebate for light-duty zero-emission vehicles. Adjusts to percent minimum amount of Zero-Emission Incentive Fund that Department of Environmental Quality is required to allocate to fund rebates through Charge Ahead Oregon Program.

Ensures cash rebates go to cars that can essentially drive more on electricity than on gasoline. The point is, if the rebates go to hybrids with batteries that can't go very far on a charge, that they'll burn more gasoline! So, let's reward hybrids that really get us closer to zero-emissions, and not the ones that don't.

And there's MORE . . . See Next Page!

HB 2182 – EV Cash Rebate Awareness . . . *Directs rebate program to reach out, defines expenses*

Directs administrator of electric and zero-emission vehicle rebate program to conduct outreach efforts. Defines “administrative expenses” for rebate program to exclude outreach efforts.

Publicizes the fact that there are cash rebates for electric vehicle purchases in Oregon. People can't save money if they don't know about it, right? Right!

HB 2184 – Electric Bus Loan . . . *Directs DEQ to provide no-interest loans, authorizes revenue bonds*

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to provide interest-free loans to school districts, mass transit districts and transportation districts for purchase of electric buses and charging infrastructure for electric buses. Authorizes issuance of revenue bonds to finance loan program.

Provides loans with no interest so school and mass transit districts can purchase electric buses to save money on fuel costs over the long run, and with zero-emissions students and riders can breathe easier!

HB 2290 – Statewide Fast Charging . . . *Requires statewide plan developed, installation of EV chargers*

Requires State Parks and Recreation Department to develop, implement and periodically update plan for installation and service of public electric vehicle charging stations in parking spaces that are part of facilities of state park system. Establishes Parks and Recreation Transportation Electrification Fund. Continuously appropriates moneys from fund to department to carry out plan. Authorizes Public Utility Commission to allow electric companies to recover costs from retail electricity consumers for prudent infrastructure measures to support transportation electrification if certain criteria are met.

Enhances fast charging capacity statewide to provide for the needs of electric car owners traveling long-distances across the state. Bill needs to be amended so the Oregon Department of Transportation, and possibly other state agencies that would be logically be involved with electric cars – but NOT Oregon State Parks – is required to develop, implement and update the plan. So, the goal of this bill is excellent, crucial, and very needed, not only to provide fast chargers so EV drivers can drive over the entire state, but also to enhance the purchase of electric cars, since lack of charging is a sticking point!

SB 314 – Utilities Recover EV Charger Costs . . . *Authorizes PUC to allow infrastructure cost recovery*

Authorizes Public Utility Commission to allow electric companies to recover costs from retail electricity consumers for prudent infrastructure measures to support transportation electrification if certain criteria are met. Authorizes commission to allow natural gas utilities to recover costs from retail natural gas customers for prudent investments in or expenses related to infrastructure measures that support adoption and service of alternative forms of transportation vehicles if certain criteria are met.

Allows electric and natural gas utilities to get back their money spent to serve the alternative fuel needs of people who drive vehicles that don't use gasoline or diesel. It certainly makes sense for electric utilities to put in EV chargers, but for natural gas utilities to provide infrastructure for natural gas powered vehicles? That's a question you will have to answer for yourself, but just consider this, “Do you want to encourage natural gas, which when burned makes the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, given the more we put into the air, the worse climate change will impact us?” If you think that's okay, then support the entire bill, if not, then please remove natural gas utilities from the bill.

“Charging Ahead for the Future!”