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House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: HB 2961 - Support

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of HB 2961 that would help provide renters a path to owning an EV. Vehicle emissions are Oregon's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. We need to do everything we can to enable and promote the use of electric vehicles (EV). Oregon's goal is to reduce transportation GHG emissions by 80% compared to 1990 levels by 2050. Even though many consider this insufficient, we are currently not on track to even make that target.

HB 2961 will require new mixed-use buildings and those with 5 or more units to have sufficient EV charging capacity. 40% of the state's population is renters and this bill will enable many would-be EV owners to switch from gas and diesel vehicles due to the convenience of charging at home vs. finding a public charging station to use.

I urge you to support HB 2961.

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