



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 23, 2022

Chief Clerk Sekerak
Oregon State Capitol

RE: Vote explanation for SB 1558 (A-Engrossed)

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my no vote on SB 1558 (A-Engrossed).

SB 1558 (A-Engrossed) is the transportation omnibus measure for the 2022 session. As such it is expected to be filled with a variety of provisions. However, this bill moved to the floor with only a few provisions in it. Within those provisions there was one I could not support. Therefore, I was compelled to vote no.

What I opposed: Increasing the annual allocation of vehicle dealer privilege tax revenues to the Zero-Emission Incentive Fund. The bill proposed raising it from the current cap of \$12 million to the greater of 45 percent of gross revenues or \$12 million minimum.

Collection of the vehicle tax began in 2018, and in 2021 the zero-emission fund was created. The fund was created to provide rebates to help offset the cost of purchasing an electric vehicle and to help those with lower incomes the ability to purchase an electric vehicle. Goals were also set to get to 50,000 electric vehicles registered in Oregon by 2020. To date there are only 38,482.

My no vote is a result of this program already not meeting goals. In addition, I was a no vote based on a program report that showed most of the electric vehicles purchased were by single family home owners, in metro areas, in higher income brackets. These people could likely purchase these vehicles without conventional vehicle buyers subsidizing them through the vehicle privilege tax.

Regards,

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