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## **Oregon Senate Advances Efforts to Electrify State Vehicles**

HB 3550 will make technical fixes that will help state agencies electrify their vehicles

**SALEM, Ore.** - Today the Oregon Senate passed <u>House Bill 3550</u> which <u>makes technical fixes</u> to the statute which mandates state agencies to buy or lease only zero-emission vehicles unless they find them unsuitable. This builds on the work of past legislatures to electrify state agency vehicles. Oregon has a requirement for state agencies to make 100 percent of new vehicle purchases zero-emission by 2025 for all feasible vehicle types.

Oregon is a member of the <u>Multi-State Zero Emission Vehicle Task Force</u>. Oregon has committed with eight other states to increasing the amount of zero emission vehicles on our roads.

"This is about preparing Oregon for the future," said **Senator Aaron Woods (D - Wilsonville)**, who carried the bill on the Senate floor. "The State of Oregon is showing that electrification is possible and good for drivers, people impacted by emissions, and the health of our state."

Supporting a clean and sustainable environment is part of <u>Senate Democrats' 2023 Oregon</u> <u>Works agenda</u>.

HB 3550 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, HB 3550 now moves to the Governor's desk for consideration.

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