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Senate Passes Safety and Training Protections for EV Charging Infrastructure

SALEM – Today, the Oregon Senate passed [Senate Bill 582](#), which requires greater safety and training standards for EV charging installations. To meet the state's zero-emission vehicle and clean energy transition goals, Oregon needs to rapidly increase EV charging infrastructure, and this bill will ensure that Oregon maintains a high standard for safety in the electrical workforce as we work to meet these goals.

The bill passed 19-6 and now heads to the House for consideration.

"This bill positions Oregon to take advantage of federal investments in EV charging infrastructure," said **Senate President Rob Wagner (D-Lake Oswego)**, co-chief sponsor of the bill. "By setting high standards for safety and training we will ensure state dollars are used effectively to create high quality infrastructure for Oregonians."

Oregon is anticipated to require 153,927 public electric vehicle charging ports by 2035, a more than 4,500% increase from the number of ports in 2020.

Senate Bill 582 aligns Oregon's training and safety requirements with federal recommendations, which includes that electrical workers are certified in the [Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program \(EVITP\)](#).

The bill also requires state agencies that authorize or fund the installation of electric vehicle charging systems to ensure installation contractors possess all necessary licenses and have at least one electrician with an Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program or equivalent certification supervising or participating in the installation.

"This bill strikes an important balance," said **Senate Majority Leader Kate Lieber (D-Beaverton)**. "Oregon needs to move fast to reach our EV goals, and SB 582 will ensure we can pick up speed while maintaining safety and workforce standards."

Despite bipartisan support, Senate Bill 582 is one of hundreds of bills that were threatened by the Senate Republican walkout.

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