
SENATE BILL 5444

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By Senators Hobbs, Liiias, Mullet, Litzow, Pedersen, Fain, Frockt, Jayapal, and Habib; by request of Governor Inslee

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing an electric vehicle
2 infrastructure bank; adding a new section to chapter 47.29 RCW;
3 creating a new section; and providing an expiration date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the development
6 of electric vehicle infrastructure is a critical step in creating
7 jobs, fostering economic growth, reducing greenhouse gas emissions,
8 and spurring electric vehicle usage across the state. Limited driving
9 distance between battery charges is a fundamental disadvantage and
10 obstacle to broad consumer adoption of vehicles powered by
11 electricity. To eliminate this fundamental disadvantage and
12 dramatically increase consumer usage of electric vehicles, it is
13 essential that an infrastructure of convenient electric vehicle
14 charging opportunities be developed. It is the intent of the
15 legislature with this act to encourage the transition to electric
16 vehicle use and to expedite the establishment of a convenient, cost-
17 effective electric vehicle infrastructure that such a transition
18 necessitates.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 47.29
20 RCW to read as follows:

1 (1) A Washington electric vehicle infrastructure bank is hereby
2 established. The Washington electric vehicle infrastructure bank must
3 provide financial assistance for the installation of publicly
4 accessible electric vehicle charging stations within the state.

5 (2) Electric vehicle infrastructure receiving financial
6 assistance must include both DC fast-charging stations and level 1 or
7 2 electric vehicle supply equipment. The department must confer with
8 the Washington department of commerce, and seek input from experts
9 representing local government, public utilities, electric vehicle
10 manufacturer representatives, and current Washington state electric
11 vehicle drivers to review information and advise the department on
12 policies and priorities for deployment of public charging station
13 locations.

14 (3) The department's public-private partnerships office must
15 administer all funds dispersed and received, including any funds
16 received under RCW 46.17.323 and deposited into the transportation
17 innovative partnership account created under RCW 47.29.230. Prior to
18 providing any financial assistance for electric vehicle
19 infrastructure projects, the department must submit a business plan
20 to the house of representatives and senate transportation committees
21 and to the governor's office.

22 (4) This section expires July 1, 2025.

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