

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5746

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As of February 21, 2025

**Title:** An act relating to creating an advisory committee on electric vehicle charger infrastructure property crime.

**Brief Description:** Creating an advisory committee on electric vehicle charger infrastructure property crime.

**Sponsors:** Senators Wilson, J., Christian, Chapman, Nobles and Salomon.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 2/24/25.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Requires the Department of Commerce and Department of Transportation to convene an advisory committee on electric vehicle charging infrastructure property crime until the end of 2030.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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**Background:** The Interagency Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council (IEVCC) was established and tasked with aligning existing transportation electrification efforts across ten state agencies and offices to develop a statewide transportation electrification strategy (TES), which was published in early 2024. The Department of Commerce (Commerce) and Department of Transportation (WSDOT) both cochair the IEVCC. The IEVCC developed policy recommendations within the TES for both legislative consideration and administrative action, including a recommendation that Commerce and WSDOT partner to adopt standards for electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE) reliability, which should also measure incidents of vandalism and other physical damage to inform EVSE security measures.

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WSDOT administers the zero emissions vehicle infrastructure partnerships (ZEVIP) program that provides funding for the installation of new and upgraded electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment and hydrogen fueling infrastructure along priority state corridors. ZEVIP funding may be used for EV charging site design, equipment purchases, electrical upgrades, installation, signage, operations, and maintenance.

In February 2024, WSDOT was notified of its award of \$10.1 million in federal funds under the EV Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program to repair or replace broken or nonoperational EV chargers. The United States Department of Transportation has identified 330 program-eligible EV stations in the state that are temporarily unavailable due to vandalism or mechanical issues.

**Summary of Bill:** Until December 31, 2030, Commerce and WSDOT must convene an advisory committee on EV charging infrastructure property crime to include at least the following 11 members, as appointed by the director of Commerce:

- one representative of the Washington State Attorney General's Office;
- one representative of a law enforcement agency or association in which EV charger property crime is impacting its jurisdiction specializing in theft prevention or property crimes;
- one representative of a recycled materials association or trade organization operating in the state of Washington with experience in nonferrous metals recycling;
- two representatives from the EV services equipment industry in which both level 2 and level 3 charging providers are included;
- one representative from a local governmental agency or association representing a city in which EV charger property crime is impacting its community;
- one representative from a power utility in which EV charger property crime is impacting its territory;
- one representative from a county impacted by EV charger property crime;
- two representatives of a neighborhood or community advocacy group from communities heavily impacted by metal theft or illegal recycling activities; and
- one representative with technical expertise in the EV charging industry.

Commerce must staff the committee and, along with WSDOT, regularly consult with the advisory committee, with an initial meeting to commence by November 1, 2025.

The advisory committee must:

- provide guidance and recommendations on actions to reduce instances of EV charger property crime;
- be available to respond to Washington State legislator questions or requests related to EV charger property crime; and
- submit an annual report with findings, recommendations, and activities to the appropriate committees of the Legislature and the Governor by December 1st of each year.

Advisory committee members have the right to maintain and protect trade secrets, subject to existing laws and rules.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Requested on February 18, 2025.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.