

Senate Bill 2063

Submitted by: **The Public Service Commission**

Before: **Senate Transportation Committee**
 Honorable David Clemens, Chair

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TESTIMONY

The Public Service Commission (Commission) respectfully submits testimony on HB 2063.

The widespread adoption of electric vehicles will have implications for transportation and energy infrastructure throughout the state and nation. The adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) is expected to continue and likely accelerate due to federal support and funding such as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

The Commission is closely following a number of issues and concerns related to the deployment of Electric Vehicles. This new trend stands to significantly increase demand for electricity, and both regulated utilities and cooperatives will be responsible for meeting that demand. The rates that are established for EV charging, the location and cost of the infrastructure needed to support EV charging and the public policy surrounding who can own this infrastructure and who should pay for it are all issues the Public Service Commission is intimately involved in. The Commission supports policies that

ensure that the cost of Electric Vehicle deployment is borne by EV users and not subsidized or socialized to all utility rate payers. The Department of Transportation's coordination with the Commission to address interrelated challenges has been greatly appreciated and we look forward to continuing that partnership.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. The Commission would be happy to provide follow-up or send a representative at the Committee's request.