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In May 2018, the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) adopted rules to implement a zero-emission vehicle rebate program in Oregon. The program contains two elements – one element provides rebates for the purchase or lease of eligible new zero-emission vehicles (referred to as standard rebates) if all program requirements are met. The second element, called the Charge Ahead Program, provides rebates for the purchase or lease of new or used zero-emission vehicles if the purchaser is from a low or moderate-income household and meet all program requirements.

DEQ is proposing to amend the zero-emission vehicle rebate program by changing the definitions in OAR 340-270-0030 for rebate-eligible light duty zero emission vehicles and plug in hybrid electric vehicles to include vehicles with at least three wheels. Currently, light duty zero emission vehicles and plug in hybrid electric vehicles are defined as vehicles with at least four wheels. The proposed change would broaden the range of eligible vehicles to include those with three wheels.