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To…

Subject:        DEQ rulemaking; Electric Vehicle Rebate 2019 - Notification required under [ORS 183.335(15)](http://www.leg.state.or.us/ors/183.html)

Dear,

* Senator Lee Beyer, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization
* Representative Caddy McKeown, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization
* Senator Brian Boquist, Co-Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization
* Representative Andy Olson, Co-Vice Chair, Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Modernization

The Department of Environmental Quality has opened public comment for proposed permanent changes to chapter 340-270-0030 of the Oregon Administrative Rules.

Proposal Summary:

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.

The proposal is online at: [Electric Vehicle Rebate 2019](https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/rulemaking/Pages/revrebate2019.aspx).

The Public Notice Package includes these documents:

Invitation to Comment – fact sheet that outlines the proposal and opportunities to comment

Proposed Rules – redline/strikethrough of the affected Oregon Administrative Rules

Notice – information and analysis required by APA; Model Rules; DEQ statutes, rules and best practices; and federal regulations

The comment period closes at 4 p.m. on Dec. 8, 2018. DEQ plans to take the final proposal, including any modifications made in response to public comments, to the Environmental Quality Commission for decision at its January 2019 meeting in Portland.

If you have questions or comments, please contact. Rachel Sakata, 503-229-5659, [sakata.rachel@deq.state.or.us](mailto:sakata.rachel@deq.state.or.us)

Sincerely,

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