

# Air Quality

## Zero Emission and Electric Vehicle Rebate Program



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EQC Action Item

# Background

- House Bill 2017 (2017) directed DEQ to implement a zero emission electric vehicle rebate program in Oregon
- House Bill 4059 (2018) revised the existing statute to clarify and streamline requirements



# Rebate program funding

- Funding for the program is generated via a “privilege tax” imposed on car dealers
- Receive \$12 million annually
- Program implementation delayed due to lawsuit regarding “privilege tax”
  - Oregon Supreme Court ruled in favor of funding in August 2018



# Standard rebates

- Rebates offered for purchase or lease of new zero emission or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle
  - Must have base MSRP less than \$50,000
- \$2500 if battery capacity > 10kWh (e.g., battery electric vehicle - BEV)
- \$1500 if battery capacity <10kWh (e.g., plug-in hybrid electric vehicle - PHEV)



Nissan Leaf



Chrysler Pacifica PHEV

- \$750 for electric motorcycle



- \$750 for neighborhood electric vehicle





# Charge Ahead rebates

- Rebates of \$2500 offered for purchase or lease of new or used battery electric vehicle
  - Be a low or moderate income household
- Can be combined with standard rebate
  - Potential savings up to \$5K when purchasing new battery electric vehicle



# Proposed rule change

- Allow 3-wheeled light-duty zero emission and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to qualify for rebate
  - Must be able to travel at speed of 55 miles/hr or more



# Public comment

- Public comment period October 31 – November 27, 2018
  - Public hearing in Portland
  - Outreach via Facebook, Twitter, GovDelivery, coordinated with stakeholders to reach out to various affected communities
- Received 13 public comments





# Requested EQC Action

- DEQ recommends that the Environmental Quality Commission adopt the proposed rules as seen on pages 25 through 28 as part of Chapter 340 of the Oregon Administrative Rules





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# Current Program Status

## Oregon Clean Vehicle Rebate Program



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1. Finished competitive procurement RFP process – reviewing vendor proposals
2. DEQ is processing backlogged standard rebate applications