February 07, 2022

Dear Gloriann Robinson:

As the prime sponsor of SB 5192 (2021), creating a convenient and accessible charging system for electric vehicle (EV) drivers across Washington is a priority for me. The legislature has asked the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) to adopt “minimum required payment methods that are convenient and reasonably support access for all current and future users.” My intent in introducing this legislation, as stated during the public hearings on SB 5192, was to create a framework to protect consumers and standardize the EV charging experience in a manner that enables widespread EV adoption.

The state has set limits to reduce greenhouse gases emissions by 95 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and is moving forward with a suite of policies and programs to decarbonize the transportation sector to achieve this. Washington has over 86,000 electric vehicles and with $71 million from the federal infrastructure package to expand EV charging in Washington, as well as the Clean Fuels Program, Climate Commitment Act, the Clean Vehicles Program, and numerous other state policies, EV charging infrastructure must be built out to meet the needs of Washington consumers.

I understand WSDA and collaborating agencies have been working hard to develop rules by the January 1, 2023 deadline and I appreciate the role WSDA plays in implementing this legislation. In following the rulemaking, I am concerned the proposed rule language related to payment methods does not meet the intent of the legislation and would not result in meaningful changes to the current EV charging experience. I urge WSDA to align Washington’s rules with the requirements outlined in California’s EVSE Standards, § 2360.2, titled “Payment Method Requirements for Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment.”

As an EV driver and a renter, I understand the challenges that Washington residents can face when it comes to public EV charging. I encourage WSDA to standardize the EV charging experience and help all Washington residents access EV charging.

In gratitude,

Senator Mona Das (she/her)
Dear Senator Das:

Thank you for your letter concerning our rulemaking to implement SB 5192 (supporting access to electric vehicle supply equipment). We appreciate you sharing your concerns and the history behind the adoption of the bill. After receiving feedback from you and other stakeholders, as well as guidance from the Governor’s Office and the California Air Resources Board we plan to make additional changes to the draft rule language prior to filing the CR-102.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Please see attached letter.

In gratitude,

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