

Dear Chair Abney and members of the Committee,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to the proposed electric vehicle registration fee in Governor McKee's proposed FY 2026 budget (H5076 Article 5 Section 3).

To meet our Act on Climate emissions reductions, we must replace more gas cars with electric vehicles (EV's), and this fee would be yet another reason discouraging people from buying EV's. EV adoption is already facing an uphill battle with the lack of supply, the expense of purchasing new EV's, the difficulty people without personal garages face in charging EV's, and the widespread public perception that EV's are difficult to charge on long trips, not to mention various myths like the one that EV's are likely to burst into flame. Please do not create another reason for people to avoid investing in electric vehicles.

Thanks for your time and attention,  
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