

Zero Emission Program for Washington

Resolution Urging Washington State Adoption of the Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) Program

WHEREAS the climate crisis requires bold action to reduce carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS gasoline is the single largest source of carbon emissions in Washington State; and

WHEREAS the electricity that powers electric vehicles in Washington State is overwhelmingly produced by renewable energy; and

WHEREAS electric vehicles do not emit carbon or other pollutants nor leak motor oil into waterways; and

WHEREAS the cost of electric vehicles is at or in approximate parity with comparable gasoline-powered vehicles on a lifetime cost-of-ownership basis; and

WHEREAS ten states--California, Oregon, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine--have adopted the Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) program first developed in California, and the state of Colorado is close to adopting it as well; and

WHEREAS the ZEV program requires that 2.5% of each automaker's vehicles sold in the state be electric in 2019, rising to approximately 8% by 2025; and

WHEREAS the ZEV program has already resulted in a greater availability and variety of electric vehicles, more consumer choice, and lower prices, in the states that have adopted it.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats urge the Washington State Legislature to promptly enact legislation to adopt the ZEV program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, when adopted, be sent promptly to Governor Inslee, to our State Senator, and to each of our state Representatives.

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