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**TO:** Members, House Environment & Transportation Committee  
**FROM:** Mary Beth Tung – Director, MEA  
**SUBJECT:** HB0110 (SB0144) – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act  
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**MEA POSITION: FWA**

As written, House Bill 110 would represent a significant burden for MEA, creating a duplicative program, providing redundant statutory authority, forcing the adoption of duplicative regulations, and requiring the addition of one PIN position to administer the foregoing. MEA advises that all of these issues can be rendered moot without sacrificing *any* benefit if the Committee were to adopt the one attached amendment.

The proposed legislation creates a statutory mandate for an “Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Modernization Grant Program” within MEA. MEA already operates an Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) program that serves the purpose of the proposed “Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Modernization Grant Program”.

The existing EVSE program already facilitates “the electrical upgrade of a parking structure owned by the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association” for electric vehicle recharging equipment. Specifically, MEA program guidelines for the EVSE program “includes entities that intend to purchase and locate EVSE for non-exclusive individual use at multi-unit dwelling (MUD) developments (apartments, condominiums, homeowners associations, etc.).” (FY21 EVSE Rebate Program Guidelines, Pg. 2).

Additionally, the existing program incentives already subsidize both the EVSE itself (the electric vehicle charger) and the installation; including “site design, charging equipment, installation, labor, site preparation, upgrade for utility connections, signage [sic] and equipment necessary to implement and operate the EVSE.” (Guidelines, Pg. 3)

Should the Committee adopt MEA’s proposed amendment, MEA can avoid the several burdens and inefficiencies associated with the duplication of efforts, while still fulfilling every facet of HB 110. For these reasons, MEA urges a **favorable report as amended** for House Bill 110.

MEA PROPOSED AMENDMENT

On pages 7 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 7 through line 3 on page 9, inclusive.