

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee  
HB 1039 Department of Agriculture - Public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment - Registration,  
Regulation, and Oversight

**Position: Favorable with Amendment**

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The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair  
Room 251, Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

This is why I support HB 1039

My name is Paul Verchinski. I am a member of the Maryland Zero Emissions Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) and I represent the Public. I was also appointed by the Maryland Public Service Commission to the Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Work Group (WG) that issued its Final Report (Report) on November 1, 2024 as required by SB951/HB1028 to your Committee. I am therefore very familiar with the Report conclusions and potential impacts on EV drivers and EVSE providers.

**Favorable with Amendment**

**I request a Favorable Report for the following reasons:**

The Report did not identify which Maryland State Agency should be the responsible party to regulate EVSEs. However, the Department of Agriculture (DOA) currently has responsibility for EVSEs under its Weights and Measures oversight for Maryland consumers. Its oversight would now extend to Uptime and Reliability. This places the responsibility in one state agency which makes it understandable to consumers such as I. (Gas stations will eventually close and this new area will replace current DOA activities). This bill will require funding from the State budget beginning July 1, 2025. Eventually, fees should defray needed DOA funding for EVSE oversight.

After reviewing HB1039, I suggest that on page 4. Lines 20 and 21 be deleted **((3) Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment that is registered with the Comptroller or the Public Service Commission)**. I am unaware of any EVSEs registered with either nor was this registration brought up in discussions in the WG.

Otherwise, I agree with the proposed language contained in HB1039

I ask that the committee report out the bill Favorably with this minor change.

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