

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 1225 Weights and Measures - Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment - Registration
Fees

Position: Favorable with Amendment

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

My name is Scott Wilson and I've been driving EV's since 2012. I'm vice president of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC and I serve on the Maryland ZEEVIC. The following views are my own. I support HB 1225, to the extent that it reduces the Weights & Measures inspection fee per port from an onerous \$150 to a more manageable \$20, the per-meter fee for each meter in a retail gas pump.

I support this bill, even though the underlying questionable motivations of the inspection program remain. This is a case of the "cure being worse than the disease". My amendment would be to delay the W&M inspection program for at least a year to give EVSE owners ample notice and preparation time. A better alternative would be to implement the reliability portion of an inspection program and delay the accuracy portion. EVSE accuracy is not a major issue, reliability is! W&M should launch *an initial* inspection program for a year or more, comprised solely of determining the availability of EVSEs. If they can initiate a charge, they pass. If they can't initiate a charge, they fail and the enforcement mechanism is triggered.

Compared to matters of charger reliability, accuracy is a non-issue. EVSEs have electronic, calibrated meters that rarely malfunction. Any inaccurate pricing is almost exclusively the result of improper settings. In the **two** cases I'm aware of of meters charging incorrect prices, they appear to be the result of mere improper settings of the hardware.

Yes, Weights and Measures has the authority to inspect EVSEs, that's not in dispute. What the EV charging landscape currently calls for is a carefully calibrated and staged phased in inspection program, that balances the public interest of having reliable chargers while avoiding charger removals due to burdensome costs.

Thank you for your time,

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