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Electric Vehicle Charging Association Supports California's New Clean Transportation Laws

The trade association commends Governor Brown for signing into law bills passed by the legislature advancing clean transportation and encouraging zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) adoption

SACRAMENTO, CA—The Electric Vehicle Charging Association (EVCA) on Thursday expressed support for Governor Brown's decision to sign into law AB 544, AB 1082 and 1083, and AB 1452. The bills extend the authority of drivers of eligible energy-efficient vehicles to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, encourage electric vehicle (EV) charging pilot program proposals for educational facilities and state parks and beaches, and authorize local authorities to establish exclusive EV charging parking spaces.

"California is the national leader in developing a progressive EV policy agenda," said Terry O'Day, the President of EVCA. "We commend Governor Brown's decision to sign these bills into law as a signal of the state's long-term commitment to investing in clean transportation and clean energy infrastructure."

AB 544 proposed by Assembly Member Richard Bloom (AD-50) extends the authority granted to drivers of eligible energy-efficient vehicles by federal law to use HOV lanes until September 30, 2019 for low emission and energy-efficient vehicles, and September 30, 2025 for alternative fuel and plug-in electric drive motor vehicles.

AB 1082 and 1083 proposed by Assembly Member Autumn Burke (AD-62) will, respectively:

- Authorize an electric corporation to file with the public utility commission (PUC), by July 30, 2018, a pilot program proposal for the installation of EV charging stations at school facilities and other educational institutions, giving priority to school facilities and other educational institutions located in disadvantaged communities. The bill would require the PUC to review, modify, and decide whether to approve a proposal by December 31, 2018.
- Authorize an electric corporation, in consultation with the Department of Parks and Recreation, PUC, Energy Commission, and State Air Resources Board, to file with the public utility commission (PUC), by July 30, 2018, a pilot program proposal for the installation of EV charging stations at state parks and beaches within its service territory. The bill would require the PUC to review, modify, and

decide whether to approve a proposal by December 31, 2018. The bill would require the department to determine which state parks or beaches are suitable for charging stations.

EVCA further supports the guidance issued by the Governor's office in his signing statement on AB 1082 and 1083 to deploy these charging stations in sites that are most sensible and pose the least impact on ratepayers. EVCA agrees that the legislature and other involved stakeholders should work together to evaluate the effectiveness of existing pilot programs before appropriating additional funds to any specific locations. Prudence in making these decisions will ultimately strengthen California's clean transportation sector.

AB 1452 proposed by Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi (AD-66) authorizes a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, to designate stalls or spaces on a public street within its jurisdiction for the exclusive purpose of charging and parking a vehicle that is connected for electric charging purposes. Local authorities are also authorized to remove a vehicle from these designated stalls or spaces that is not using them for their intended purpose.

Established in 2015, EVCA is a not-for-profit trade association that brings together leaders in the EV charging industry to educate policymakers, stakeholders and members of the public about the critical role of EV technology, infrastructure and services and to advocate for policies that will expand clean transportation. Current members are ABM, ChargePoint, Clean Fuel Connection, Inc., Envision Solar, EV Connect, EVgo, SemaConnect, and Volta Charging.

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