

SUPPORT HB351 and SB708

Driving Decarbonization Program and Fund
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Reasons to Support HB351 and SB708

- Transportation is Virginia's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, so it is critical to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission electric vehicles (EVs) to help meet Virginia's climate goals. EVs provide a host of additional benefits, including cutting emissions of other air pollutants, lower fuel and maintenance costs, and reduced dependence on imported oil. In order to ensure access to these benefits, convenient EV charging must be widely available—not just to those who are able to install a personal charger at home.
- These bills help accelerate the installation of EV charging by establishing a Driving Decarbonization Program and Fund that will provide grants each year to help private developers fund the installation of EV charging stations, with \$5 million of this funding reserved annually for grants in historically economically disadvantaged communities along with increased grant amounts in these areas.

Overview

HB351 and SB708 establish a Driving Decarbonization Program and Fund to encourage more widespread installation of EV charging across the Commonwealth. The program would generally provide up to \$20 million in grants each year to fund up to 50% of private developers' non-utility costs of EV charger installation. The program would also contribute to more equitable charging access by reserving \$5 million of this funding annually for grants in historically economically disadvantaged communities, as well as offering increased grants of up to 70% of the developer's non-utility costs for charger installation in these areas.



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