

I write today in testimony for HB 546 the EV fee bill.

We drive a Chevy Volt, and a Jeep Compass approximately the same amount of miles each per year. I find that the fee increase that this bill will cut in half was very punitive against a Plug-in owner such as myself.

Because the fee is so high that we would have to drive the Volt twice the distance to compare it to our other vehicle. Plus, this is not fair in that the fees are all due at registration, as opposed to a gas tax collected pennies at a time throughout the year.

And to top everything, we already pay tax through our electric bill on the energy we use, the state system just does not share it to their own agencies correctly. The state is in effect double dipping on the fees I pay them!

This bill, by reducing the EV and Hybrids fee in half begins correcting a grossly unfair program but this state needs to continue to look at our out of date system of road funding.

The only correct way to cover the cost of roads and bridge maintenance is through a Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) system, combined with the weight of the vehicle. Please pass this bill today.