



LWVO Written Testimony on  
HB546 - REGISTRATION FEES - ELECTRIC VEHICLES  
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The League of Women Voters of Ohio is pleased to support this legislation. As you know, motor vehicles are important sources of air pollution in the United States. This air pollution has lead Ohio experiencing the onerous E-check system. Electric vehicles and hybrids are excellent means of eliminating tailpipe emissions, helping to reduce the need for E-Check. At the same time these vehicles emit less greenhouse gas, Yet the General Assembly has taken no action, despite introduction of several meritorious bills in the past, as well as in the current session of the Legislature.

Ohio has penalized electric cars by imposing an annual fee of \$200. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, only Georgia has such a high fee. Since hybrid fees are usually half of plug-in fees, owners of these cars have the same problem. Although the fee is intended to make up for lost gas-tax revenues, it is far in excess of what is needed. The fees in HB546 are much more equitable than current law.

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