



ACCELERATING OHIO'S AUTO INDUSTRY

The purpose of this bill is to protect and expand Ohio's vehicle manufacturing and supply chain industry, a vital sector of the state's economy. This will be done by investing in and developing Ohio's workforce for EV production, supporting the needs of industry members, growing the EV market, and sending a strong signal to the industry that Ohio is all in on EVs.

Accelerating Ohio's Auto Industry is an aggressive, multi-part legislative package that provides state lawmakers the opportunity to maintain and grow Ohio's auto industry for future generations.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT AND FACTORY RETOOLING

- **Funding for Public Workforce Development Institutions:** Grants and financial support for institutions such as trade schools, apprenticeship programs & apprenticeship readiness, technical colleges, and vocational institutions focused on electric vehicle and charging infrastructure manufacturing, installation, maintenance, and repair.
- **Factory Retooling:** Incentivize owners of traditional automotive industry facilities to transition into electric vehicle product facilities.
- **Purpose:** Funding workforce training and factory retooling across the industry is key to ensuring that vehicles and parts continue to be made in Ohio as automakers invest nearly \$500 billion globally to shift to EV production. Manufacturers are making siting decisions now to meet their commitments for 2025, 2030, and beyond. Workforce training also supports the growth of quality jobs related to charging and maintaining EVs.

FLEET EV PURCHASE INCENTIVES

- **Baseline Incentive:** \$3,000 rebate for the purchase of new all-electric fleet vehicles for public or private fleets.
- **Ohio Incentive:** An additional \$1,000 for vehicles made in Ohio, including vehicles with Ohio-made batteries made for EVs or PHEVs.
- **Other states** with similar programs include:
 - \$4,000 rebate offered by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities.
- **Medium- and Heavy-Duty Incentive:** Incentives for medium and heavy-duty EVs and other alternative fuel vehicles administered by a qualified third party.
- **Purpose:** Supporting EV market growth in Ohio sends a strong signal to the industry that we are serious about remaining a strong partner to the auto industry as it shifts to EV production. Fleets are very interested in saving money by switching to fuel efficient, low maintenance vehicles. This incentive helps make electric vehicles more affordable and accessible and shortens the time in which fleets see the financial return on investment.



CONSUMER EV PURCHASE INCENTIVES

- **Baseline Incentive** for purchased or leased vehicles: **\$4,000** for new all-electric vehicles; **\$2,500** for new plug-in hybrids; **\$2,000** for used all-electric or plug-in hybrids (one or more model years before the calendar year).
- **Ohio Incentive:** An additional **\$1,000** for vehicles made in Ohio, including all-electric, plug-in electric hybrids (PHEVs), or vehicles with batteries made in Ohio for EVs or PHEVs.
- **Incentive Options:** *Incentive can be credited to the dealer to lower the final purchase price or monthly lease payments, or the individual can choose to receive the incentive directly.*
- **Other states** with similar programs include:
 - Connecticut offers the EV buyer the same choice of how to apply the incentive.
 - New Jersey offers \$5,000 in tax rebates for the purchase of all-electric vehicles.
- **Purpose:** Supporting EV market growth in Ohio sends a strong signal to the industry that we are serious about remaining a strong partner to the auto industry as it shifts to EV production. These incentive levels would be some of the most ambitious offered at the state level. Aggressive, cash on the hood incentives are needed to grow electric vehicles to mass market levels and make EVs attainable for the average consumer.

STATE TASK FORCE AND ELECTRIFICATION PLAN

- **Task Force Mission:** To monitor and provide expertise on the EV market and provide suggestions for what steps Ohio should take to maximize the benefits to the state.
- **State Electrification Plan:** One responsibility of the task force includes creating a state electrification plan, outlining how Ohio should best leverage current trends in the automotive industry to lead in electric vehicle production and adoption.
- **Additional Task Force Responsibilities:** Market development, evaluation of Ohio's EV production facilities and capacities, expansion of charging infrastructure, working with local governments, and evaluation of the EV supply chain.
- **Purpose:** The automotive sector is increasingly moving towards electric vehicles. In order to achieve the greatest benefit for Ohio's economy, we must leverage these trends now, and a task force operating at the state level with representation from the legislature, relevant state agencies, and other public and private stakeholders would be best positioned to do this.