



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.

FACTORY RETOOLING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT

- **Purpose:** Funding workforce training and factory retooling across the industry is key to ensuring that vehicles and parts continue to be made in Ohio. Automakers have pledged to invest \$330 billion globally by 2025 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.
- **Factory Retooling:** \$10,000,000 in grant funding to incentivize owners of traditional automotive industry facilities to transition into electric vehicle product facilities.
- **Manufacturing Employee Recruitment and Existing Employee Training:** Creation of a task force that will coordinate with various state agencies on new worker outreach and recruitment as well as training on EV manufacturing for existing workers.
- **Funding for Automotive Technician and Electrician Educational Programs:** \$10,000,000 in grant funding for community colleges, vocational tech centers, and trade schools that train auto technicians and electricians and have programs focused on electric vehicle and charging infrastructure manufacturing, installation, maintenance, and repair. Grants will fund:
 - Acquisition of new training curriculum
 - Training for faculty on all aspects of EV and EVSE training programs
 - Acquisition of new EV and EVSE training equipment
 - Scholarships and tuition assistance for new and existing students

FLEET EV PURCHASE INCENTIVES

- **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.
- **Baseline Incentive:** \$3,000 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.
- **Medium- and Heavy-Duty Incentive:** Incentives for medium and heavy-duty EVs and other alternative fuel vehicles that operate in Ohio through the creation of a voucher program.



CONSUMER EV PURCHASE INCENTIVES

- **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 incentives are needed to grow electric vehicle adoption to mass market levels and make EVs attainable for the average consumer.
- **Baseline Incentive** for purchased or leased vehicles:
 - **\$4,000** for new all-electric vehicles
 - **\$2,500** for new plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs)
 - **\$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, PHEVs, or vehicles with batteries made in Ohio for EVs or PHEVs.

STATE TASK FORCE AND ELECTRIFICATION PLAN

- **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.
- **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:** Regular review of the EV incentive levels, 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.