



## **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:** \$15,000,000 in grant funding to incentivize owners of traditional automotive industry facilities to transition into electric vehicle product facilities.
- **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

### **EV PURCHASE INCENTIVES**

- **Purpose:** Encouraging the adoption of electric vehicles in Ohio demonstrates to the industry that we are committed to remaining a strong partner to auto manufacturers as they shift to EV production.
  - For fleets, this incentive helps make electric vehicles more affordable and accessible and shortens the time in which they will see the financial return on investment.
  - For consumers, these incentive levels will help spur EV adoption to mass market levels and make EVs more attainable for the average consumer.
- **Fleet and Consumer Incentives:** These incentives will be in the form of a **sales tax exemption**:
  - **Up to \$2,000** for the purchase or lease of new all-electric vehicles
  - **Up to \$1,000** for the purchase or lease new plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs)
  - **Up to \$1,000** for the purchase or lease used all-electric vehicles
- **MSRP Caps:** Vehicles eligible for the sales tax exemption must have a base model **MSRP below \$55,000** for sedans and **below \$80,000** for vans, pickup trucks, and SUVs.



## **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.

## **UPDATES TO UTILITY EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE REGULATIONS**

- **Purpose:** Greater deployment of charging infrastructure is necessary to make Ohio an EV-friendly state. Updating Ohio's utility laws will unlock investment on a much larger and much needed scale.
- **Regulatory Certainty:** This section provides guidance to the PUCO to provide regulatory certainty to Ohio's utilities and relieves individual site hosts of burdensome system upgrade costs.
- **Unlocking Investment:** Subject to approval from the PUCO, utilities will be enabled to support make-ready infrastructure for EV charging and support adoption of EV chargers through incentives and investments. They will also be allowed to file Transportation Electrification plans with the PUCO, which must seek to minimize overall costs and maximize overall benefits.