

2019BCDCC-003-190309-SUB-ENV-Support electrical vehicle
infrastructure development costs in utility rate base

**A resolution in support of increasing zero carbon emission vehicles in
Washington State by supporting infrastructure development costs**

4 **WHEREAS** carbon emissions from vehicles is the greatest single contributor to carbon emissions in
5 Washington State; and

6 **WHEREAS** battery electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles have almost zero carbon
7 emissions; and

8 **WHEREAS** introduction of battery electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles is adversely
9 impacted by limited infrastructure to provide charging and fueling stations; and

10 **WHEREAS** electrical utilities and natural gas utilities have the ability to help develop critical
11 infrastructure which will both enable and encourage transitions from internal combustion vehicles to
12 zero emission vehicles,

13 **WHEREAS** electrical utilities and natural gas utilities will accomplish infrastructure development more
14 quickly if they have a commercial incentive to do so;

15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Benton County Democrats urge our legislative delegations to
16 permit and encourage our state utility commissions to allow inclusion of the incremental
17 development costs of electrical charging and hydrogen fueling station infrastructure in utility rate
18 bases.

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