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Electric Vehicles should be a choice not a mandate. 1. EVs are more expensive than gasoline vehicles and by forcing families to purchase them the state places undue burden on family budgets. And the replacement cost for EV batteries are the price of a gasoline car 2. EVs do not have the range needed for some commuters. My sister has a leaf and cannot drive farther than 30 miles from her home 3. EVs are not environmentally friend when you consider that an enormous amount of energy is used to mine the Lithium and then the spent batteries are toxic to the environment 4. Creating a charging structure for EVs (without the use of fossil fuels to charge these EVs) will be expensive and could take many years. I ask you to consider these points and keep EVs a CHOICE for Washingtonians, rather than a mandate.