

## Herman Ross

A sweeping rule like the one proposed has far more costs than benefits. Most of us have driving patterns that can't be supported by EVs. As a retired person living in rural Kitsap County, a vehicle that is fit only for sub 300 mile trips is utterly impractical. It can't handle a trip out of state on even a new battery without a lengthy recharge. Based on my experience with every kind of rechargeable battery, I know the mileage/charge will decrease to the point of uselessness. Then what? An expensive replacement to add to the environmental damage caused to produce the original battery. And a huge repair bill. The infrastructure to recycle these batteries is highly unlikely to be ready in time, right along with the insufficient infrastructure to charge all these more expensive EVs at home, and more importantly, on the road. Over their lifecycle, EVs are far from eco-friendly. Please don't saddle rural folks with questionable urban solutions to a problem that doesn't have a strong (unbiased) scientific basis.