

Climate Action of Southwest Washington (Don Steinke)

1. I really like the idea of feebates.

Feebates are a policy where fees are charged on inefficient vehicles, and rebates are given to buyers of efficient vehicles, with the fees used to pay for the rebates.

This system creates a financial incentive for manufacturers to improve their fuel economy and for consumers to purchase more efficient or electric vehicles. Feebates aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption by influencing both supply (through manufacturers) and demand (through consumer choices).

How it works: A feebate program sets a sliding scale for new vehicle purchases based on fuel consumption or emissions.

Fee-: Vehicles that are inefficient or have higher emissions are charged a fee.

-Bate: Vehicles that are more efficient or have lower emissions receive a rebate.

2. According to this story in Clean Technica, some of the best opportunities to promote EVs are when people take a ride in electric cars operated by ride hailing services such as Taxis, Lyft, and Uber. Therefore, I highly recommend providing huge incentives to owners of ride hailing cars. Provide incentives in exchange of signing a contract with the terms we want. Provide talking points, a coach, and support for charging.

3. Amend the Clean Buildings Act to require existing multifamily developments to enable EV charging. At a minimum, enable Level 1 charging for at least 20% of the residents. The land owner could be rewarded for promoting the chargers

4. Also Amend the Clean Building Act to require large commercial buildings to provide level 1 or better EV charging for their employees.

5. Renew the sales tax exemption for EVs.

6. Provide a tax credit for commercial EVs.

7. Many cities and transit agencies have small-bus pick-up-services for handicapped people. Provide incentives to electrify those.