

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.58

Senators McMorrow, Hollier, Polehanki, Bayer, Wojno, Moss, McCann, Irwin, Chang, Brinks, Bullock and Santana offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge Congress to authorize the installation of
2 electric vehicle charging stations at rest areas on the Interstate
3 Highway System and to allow charging station providers to charge a
4 fee for public use of charging stations installed at such rest
5 areas.

6 Whereas, It is in the long-term interest of the state of
7 Michigan and the entire nation to facilitate the adoption of
8 electric vehicles. Electric vehicles support energy diversity,
9 reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and lead to cost savings for
10 drivers. Removing existing regulatory barriers to the adoption of
11 this technology is an essential element of this effort; and

1 Whereas, Despite advancements in electric vehicle-related
2 technology and investments from major automotive companies leading
3 to more affordable electric vehicles, experts say the successful
4 adoption of electric vehicles is heavily dependent on charging
5 station accessibility; and

6 Whereas, While many electric vehicle owners have home charging
7 stations and many urban areas have charging stations available for
8 public use, access to charging stations that support rural
9 communities and long-distance transportation are more limited; and

10 Whereas, To facilitate the wide-spread adoption of electric
11 vehicles, some states have suggested installing charging stations
12 at rest areas where drivers can use them for a fee. However, the
13 prohibition of commercial activity at rest areas found in 23 U.S.
14 Code § 111, has prevented states from installing these charging
15 stations; and

16 Whereas, Deploying more charging stations will strengthen our
17 economy and lead to more good-paying jobs; now, therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the Senate, That we urge Congress to authorize the
19 installation of electric vehicle charging stations at rest areas on
20 the Interstate Highway System; and be it further

21 Resolved, That we urge Congress to allow charging station
22 providers to charge a fee for public use of charging stations
23 installed at rest areas; and be it further

24 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
25 President of the United States, the President of the United States
26 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
27 and to the entire Michigan delegation.