

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1005**

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**Introduced by Assembly Members Gordon and Levine  
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An act relating to electric vehicles.

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AB 1005, as introduced, Gordon. Electric vehicles: charging systems.

Existing law, the Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Open Access Act, prohibits the charging of a subscription fee on persons desiring to use an electric vehicle charging station, as defined, that requires payment of a fee and prohibits a requirement for persons to obtain membership in any club, association, or organization as a condition of using the station, except as specified.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to encourage and support the widespread deployment of electric vehicles, protect competitive markets for electric vehicle charging equipment and network charging services from unfair competition, support consumer choice, and encourage and support private investment in the equipment and services, and would make legislative findings and declarations in that regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the  
2 following:

1 (1) California should encourage the expansion of investment  
2 and usage of electric vehicles to protect the environment, stimulate  
3 economic growth, and improve the quality of life in this state. All  
4 Californians benefit from programs that support more widespread  
5 adoption and usage of electric vehicles.

6 (2) Availability of electric vehicle charging correlates directly  
7 with the rate of electric vehicle adoption by the public. In order to  
8 reach the goal 1.5 million electric vehicles in California, electric  
9 vehicle consumers need confidence that they can readily access  
10 electric vehicle charging services at home, at the workplace, and  
11 at public locations.

12 (3) “Smart” electric vehicle charging equipment and network  
13 electric vehicle charging services are available on the market, and  
14 enable the management of electric vehicle charging to avoid  
15 negative impacts on the distribution system, to coordinate electric  
16 vehicle charging with the operation of the utility grid, and to  
17 minimize costs and maximize benefits to electric vehicle users and  
18 utility ratepayers.

19 (4) Encouraging private investment in “smart” electric vehicle  
20 charging equipment and network electric vehicle charging services  
21 will facilitate consumer choice, stimulate innovation and  
22 development of new business models, attract private capital  
23 investment, and create jobs for Californians.

24 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to (1)  
25 encourage and support the widespread deployment of electric  
26 vehicles, (2) protect competitive markets for electric vehicle  
27 charging equipment and network charging services from unfair  
28 competition, (3) support consumer choice in electric vehicle  
29 charging equipment and network charging services, and (4)  
30 encourage and support private investment in electric vehicle  
31 charging equipment and network charging services.