

Testimony to the House Taxation Committee  
In Support of HB2372  
By Representative Rich Proehl, Co-Chairman of the Joint  
Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force  
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Chairman Johnson and Committee Members

In its recommendations, the Task Force suggested new funding for transportation and specifically included new fees specific to alternative-fuel vehicles:

“The Task Force notes sales tax revenues are statutorily directed to the State Highway Fund and recommends the Legislature review the role of the sales tax in transportation funding and examine additional sources of funding for transportation. It recommends the Legislature review potential sources of additional funding, including increasing registration fees, motor fuels taxes, and fees for oversize vehicles, and new fees specific to alternative-fuel vehicles, which should be commensurate with fuel-tax amounts paid to operate vehicles of similar weight.”

The attached list shows the proposed fees would not be out of line with similar fees already in place in other states.

Electric vehicles generally weigh the same as their non-electric counterparts and therefore cause similar wear on the roads. Current vehicle taxes (which may be higher for these more-expensive vehicles) do not flow to the State Highway Fund, nor do any taxes on the electricity they use, but the State Highway Fund incurs costs related to their use.