

New tax on electric vehicles penalizes consumers and won't solve road funding problems in Washington

Maximum Justifiable Fee



\$127

The maximum justifiable fee for EV drivers in Washington is \$127, finds **Consumer Reports.***

** Any fee above this amount is 'punitive.' Max fee determined by average state fuel taxes paid by drivers of new gas-powered vehicles in Washington.*

EV taxes don't fund road repair

EV tax	Contribution to road maintenance fund
\$127	0.66% by 2025
\$225	1.17% by 2025

Why EV taxes are a poor choice

- Washington's **gas tax accounts for only 32%** of state's road funding.
- EV taxes can **discourage consumers** from purchasing a fuel-efficient or gas-free vehicle, which help reach emissions and climate goals.
- If a state decides to institute an EV tax it should **delay implementation** until EVs are widely adopted and a more serious source of revenue.
- Flat fixed fees **don't charge people based on how much they drive.**
- EV taxes are collected as a lump sum, which is **especially burdensome for low-income drivers**, because it does not spread out costs over time like the gas tax.

