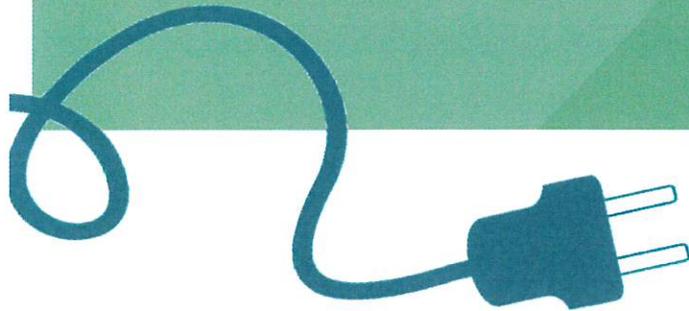


## Key Benefits:

Enhances rural economic development by building them the framework to be viable destinations for long-distance visitors

Promotes ecotourism by investing in EV infrastructure along routes to the Mighty 5 Parks and other state sites

Prepares for the adoption of cleaner vehicles and sets a path for the private sector to lead the way



# HB 259

## Electric Vehicle Charging Network

HB 259 commissions UDOT to develop a statewide plan to install electric vehicle charging stations along Utah's major roads by the end of 2025.

## Creating a roadmap for Utah's future

Developing successful transportation systems takes time and consideration of all stakeholders and the evolving technology of our day, which is why HB 259 **does not prescribe a solution**. Instead, this bill describes what needs to be accomplished and encourages the development of the most cost-effective options.



**Air quality consistently ranks among Utah's top concerns.** EV infrastructure is a top priority in the creation of solutions.



**EV ownership is increasing by 45% every year.** In 5 years, ownership will grow from 7,200 to 46,000 vehicles. Though growing in urban areas, **rural EV infrastructure is significantly behind.**



**Consumers face range anxiety, or when drivers cannot confidently travel long distances.** We should prepare now to meet the evolving needs of Utah drivers.

**Active collaboration with the private sector to develop market-based solutions for rural Utah**

**Coordination with local governments and relevant state agencies for maximum efficiency**

**By the end of 2025, EV charging stations installed every 50 miles along Utah's interstates and strategic highway locations**

## Key Message:

This will allow the state to use a **deliberate and pragmatic approach to Utah's EV infrastructure needs**, especially in rural Utah, by maximizing relationships with the private sector and government agencies while addressing air quality in our state.