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### **House Bill Prohibits Unfunded EV Charging Station Mandates** *HB 1511 Passes with Overwhelming Support*

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – In a victory for private property rights, the Missouri House of Representatives has passed HB 1511, championed by State Representative Jim Murphy, R-St. Louis. The legislation addresses the crucial issue of electric vehicle (EV) charging station mandates, shifting any financial responsibility from business owners to the local municipalities imposing such requirements.

HB 1511, which received overwhelming support with a vote of 114-29, mandates that if a city or county imposes rules necessitating the installation of EV charging stations, they must cover all associated costs, including installation, maintenance, and operation. The legislation also places a reasonable cap of five stations per parking lot, specifically for lots with more than 30 parking spaces.

Representative Murphy, the sponsor of HB 1511, emphasized the importance of protecting the freedoms of business owners and preventing them from shouldering an unaffordable mandate. Murphy, addressing his colleagues on the floor, highlighted the potential consequences if the rules were not addressed. He pointed out that the regulations could compel organizations, including churches and religious worship centers, to install EV stations. This, in turn, would force such organizations to redirect donations and tithes originally intended for charitable purposes, such as helping the poor, feeding the hungry, or supporting youth programs, towards meeting the mandatory EV station requirements rather than serving the broader public good.

"Requiring business owners to install electric vehicle chargers is an infringement on their freedoms," Murphy said. "With the passage of HB 1511, we are ensuring that the burden of electric vehicle charging station mandates is appropriately placed on the political subdivision imposing them, fostering a fair and balanced approach."

House Speaker Dean Plocher expressed his support for the legislation, stating, "An unfunded mandate requiring churches and businesses to install EV charging stations is the same as a tax. If a business

wants to install a charging station, they may still choose to do so, but no Missourian should be forced to purchase one."

The legislation now moves to the Missouri Senate for further consideration. As the debate continues, it remains clear that HB 1511 is a crucial step towards safeguarding local control, individual freedoms, and the economic viability of businesses in the face of evolving environmental policies.

*State Representative Jim Murphy, a Republican, represents parts of St. Louis County (District 94) in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first two-year term in November 2018. For more information, please contact Rep. Murphy's office at 573-751-3719 or via email at ***Jim.Murphy@House.Mo.Gov***.*

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