A bill to be entitled

An act relating to an electric vehicle transportation electrification plan; creating s. 366.945, F.S.; requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt rules for an electric vehicle transportation electrification plan that meet certain requirements; providing timeframes for the commission to propose the plan's rules and for final rule adoption; authorizing entities that provide electric vehicle charging stations to the public to intervene and participate in certain commission proceedings involving rates, terms, or conditions of service for offering electric vehicle charging to the public; providing construction; providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the promotion and development of electric vehicle infrastructure in this state through competitively neutral policies for investor-owned electric utility rates, terms, and conditions for electric vehicle charging stations is in the public interest, and

WHEREAS, widespread deployment of electric vehicle charging stations is consistent with the public policy of this state, and

WHEREAS, the expanded use of electric vehicles provides this state with increased energy security and health and environmental benefits by reducing the consumption of fossil

fuels and street-level air pollutants, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides, and

WHEREAS, electric vehicle charging station infrastructure has the potential to lessen climate impacts, expand infrastructure investment, improve environmental and economic conditions, and help make this state a leader in new and innovative technologies, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 366.945, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

366.945 Electric vehicle transportation electrification plan.—

(1) The commission shall adopt rules for an electric vehicle transportation electrification plan that facilitates the deployment of electric vehicle charging infrastructure in a competitively neutral manner.

(a) The rules must:

1. Promote investment in publicly available Level 2 and direct-current, fast-charging stations in a competitively neutral manner that prioritizes and encourages private investment in and private ownership and operation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

2. Establish policies that stimulate innovation, competition, private investment, and customer choice in electric

vehicle charging infrastructure, including equipment and networks.

3. Establish mechanisms, including incentives, which support the efficient and cost-effective use of the electric grid in a manner that supports electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

4. Establish incentives that support private investment in charging equipment.

5. Establish policies that, on a prospective basis, prohibit investor-owned electric utilities from using rate base investment in the ownership and operation of new electric vehicle charging stations and limit public utility cost recovery to distribution level infrastructure on the utility side of the meter.

6. Stimulate fair and reasonable electricity pricing through investor-owned electric utilities' tariff provisions which will promote the widespread offering of electric vehicle charging.

(b) The commission shall propose such rules by January 1, 2023, with final rule adoption by January 1, 2024.

(2) An entity that provides electric vehicle charging stations to the public may intervene and participate in any investor-owned electric utility's ratemaking or other commission proceeding involving rates, terms, or conditions of service, including the rate structure paid by or proposed to be paid by

customers for electric vehicle charging offered to the public.

(3) This subsection does not prohibit an investor-owned electric utility from providing electric vehicle charging stations directly to the public through a separate, unregulated entity on the same terms and conditions as any other provider of electric vehicle charging stations.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.