



## Support HB 1846 by Rep. Armando Walle

Environmental Defense Fund supports House Bill 1846 by Rep. Armando Walle. The bill implements one of the major recommendations of the Texas Department of Transportation Taskforce on Heavy-Duty Charging Infrastructure for medium and heavy-duty vehicles – creating an electric truck advisory council and developing a statewide plan for MHDV infrastructure

HB 1846 establishes an ongoing interagency working group that can collect information, identify policy challenges and opportunities, and coordinate statewide education and outreach on the infrastructure investments and policies needed to advance electric trucks and buses in Texas.

### Steady Leadership for New Technology

In recent years, Texas has quietly but confidently become a leader in the clean truck industry. Texas' light-touch approach to regulation allows it to move at the industry's pace, focusing on incentives and policies that support Texas businesses and drive forward new ideas that bolster the state's diverse economy. Statewide oversight and collaboration can complement and coordinate existing efforts to study and expand medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the state.

An Electric Truck Advisory Council will help facilitate public-private partnerships, develop regulatory and policy recommendations, and promote education outreach on the competitive advantages Texas has to offer for the growing clean truck industry.

To ask questions or learn more about our support for HB 1846, please contact Phillip Martin at [pmartin@edf.org](mailto:pmartin@edf.org).

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## Evaluation of Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Capacity

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*“By establishing a framework akin to the Texas Freight Advisory Committee, Texas can ensure uniform standards, optimize resource allocation, and foster valuable public-private partnerships. Such a statewide approach not only enhances local and regional initiatives but also addresses broader strategic needs, including technical assistance, pilot programs, and innovation in charging technologies.”*

–TxDOT heavy-duty charging report, September 2024