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By Representative Barkis

1 AN ACT Relating to enforcement actions for property damage of  
2 electric vehicle charging stations; adding a new section to chapter  
3 46.61 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.61  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) It is a violation of this section if a person with criminal  
8 intent causes an interruption or impairment of service of an electric  
9 vehicle charging station through cutting wires, damaging or tampering  
10 with its operation, or stealing it, to be punished in the following  
11 manner:

12 (a) If the electric vehicle charging station and related  
13 supporting infrastructure is less than \$1,000 in value, the violation  
14 is a gross misdemeanor;

15 (b) If the electric vehicle charging station and related  
16 supporting infrastructure is \$1,000 to \$5,000 in value, the violation  
17 is a class C felony; or

18 (c) If the electric vehicle charging station and related  
19 supporting infrastructure is more than \$5,000 in value, the violation  
20 is a class B felony.

1 (2) The crimes in subsection (1) of this section are not intended  
2 to apply to any person working for an electricity service provider  
3 that inadvertently causes interruption or impairment of service or  
4 physical harm to the electric vehicle charging station.

5 (3) A person who violates this section, upon conviction, in  
6 addition to any other punishment or penalty, shall be ordered to make  
7 restitution to the owner or operator of the electric vehicle charging  
8 station or any other related costs as authorized in RCW 9.94A.750.

9 (4) When a person is found to be in violation of this section,  
10 there must be assessed an additional fine of \$100 to be deposited  
11 into the multimodal transportation account created in RCW 47.66.070  
12 if the violation occurred on state property or in the county road  
13 fund authorized in RCW 36.82.020 of the county where the violation  
14 occurred.

15 (5) A person who has been deprived of an operational electric  
16 vehicle charging station in accordance with subsection (1) of this  
17 section may file an action in superior court against the perpetrator  
18 for the recovery of actual damages, limited to the value of any  
19 damage to the electric vehicle charging station and any  
20 infrastructure attached to the electric vehicle charging station,  
21 civil damages up to \$5,000, and the costs of the suit, including  
22 reasonable attorneys' fees.

23 (6) For purposes of this section, "electric vehicle charging  
24 station" means a station that delivers electricity from a source  
25 outside an electric vehicle into one or more electric vehicles. An  
26 electric vehicle charging station may include several charge points  
27 simultaneously connecting several electric vehicles to the station  
28 and any related equipment needed to facilitate charging plug-in  
29 electric vehicles, such as electric vehicle supply equipment capable  
30 of sending commands, payments, or messages remotely from or to an  
31 electric vehicle service provider as part of an electric vehicle's  
32 charging process.

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