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Concern over Training Requirement

At this stage of EV market development, CalETC is concerned that a requirement for specific training to install infrastructure, without reviewing training needs and the variety of training programs in place as has been suggested by CEC and CARB, would create a new barrier to acceleration of the EV market. Mandating state-funded EV infrastructure projects include at least one electrician with Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) certification at this time is not justified.

While CalETC supports a well-trained workforce to install EV infrastructure, this requirement is too prescriptive as there are other effective private training efforts and it is too early to designate a single training program. Such a prescriptive requirement will likely lead to delays, increased costs and fewer EV chargers installed at a time when the state is substantially behind on meeting its infrastructure goals and/or supplying access to adequate charging infrastructure for all Californians.