SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 938

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 938.

This bill would exempt the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at gasoline service stations from site plan and other land use board review and variance relief requirements under the "Municipal Land Use Law," P.L.1975, c.291 (C.40:55D-1 et seq.) or any other law, rule, or regulation. The bill would also require the appropriate administrative officer to approve the application for the proposed installation if certain requirements are met. The requirements include the following:

- 1) the proposed installation does not violate bulk requirements applicable to the property and requires no changes to the conditions of the original final approval of the site plan or subsequent approvals for the gasoline service station;
- 2) all other conditions of prior approvals for the gasoline service station continue to be met; and
- 3) the proposed installation complies with the construction codes adopted in the State Uniform Construction Code, any safety standards concerning the installation, and any State rule or regulation concerning electric vehicle charging stations.

The bill also specifies that an electric vehicle charging station installed at a gasoline service station is subject to local and Department of Community Affairs inspection requirements.

The bill defines "electric vehicle charging station" as a station that is designed in compliance with the State Uniform Construction Code adopted pursuant to P.L.1975, c.217 (C.52:27D-119 et seq.), that delivers electricity from a source outside an electric vehicle into one or more electric vehicles. An electric vehicle charging station may include several charge points simultaneously connecting several electric vehicles to the station and any related equipment needed to facilitate charging plug-in electric vehicles.