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Revised Fiscal Note

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| Prime Sponsors: | Rep. Valdez Sen. Priola | Bill Status: | Senate Second Reading |
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Bill Topic: **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEM PERMITS**

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| Summary of Fiscal Impact: | <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill creates expedited permit review processes for electric vehicle charging systems. It increases state expenditures in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 only, and it increases local government expenditures beginning in FY 2025-26.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required as the Electric Vehicle Grant Fund is continuously appropriated to the Colorado Energy Office.

Fiscal Note Status: The revised fiscal note reflects the reengrossed bill, as amended by the Senate Transportation and Energy Committee.

**Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1173**

| | | Budget Year FY 2024-25 | Out Year FY 2025-26 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | Cash Funds | \$204,480 | \$54,480 |
| | Centrally Appropriated | \$6,515 | \$6,515 |
| | Total Expenditures | \$210,995 | \$60,995 |
| | Total FTE | 0.3 FTE | 0.3 FTE |
| Transfers | | - | - |
| Other Budget Impacts | | - | - |

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates expedited processes for local government permitting of electric vehicle (EV) charging systems. The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) must develop a model code for EV charging permits that applies to land use and zoning permitting processes and publish it by March 31, 2025. Then, counties with a population of at least 20,000 and municipalities must adopt an ordinance or resolution to implement relevant standards and a permitting process by December 31, 2025. CEO must provide technical assistance to these local governments using Electric Vehicle Grant Funds, as necessary, and affected local governments must submit compliance reports to the CEO.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state expenditures in the CEO by about \$210,000 in FY 2024-25 and \$60,000 in FY 2025-26 only, paid from the Electric Vehicle Grant Fund. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 24-1173

| | FY 2024-25 | FY 2025-26 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Colorado Energy Office | | |
| Personal Services | \$29,480 | \$29,480 |
| Contractor | \$175,000 | \$25,000 |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs ¹ | \$6,515 | \$6,515 |
| Total Cost | \$210,995 | \$60,995 |
| Total FTE | 0.3 FTE | 0.3 FTE |

¹ Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

Colorado Energy Office. Expenditures increase in the CEO to develop the model code. This includes hiring a contractor, stakeholder engagement, providing technical assistance to local governments, and conducting trainings on the model code.

- **Staff.** The CEO requires 0.3 FTE in FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 only to solicit the contract, help develop the model code, liaise between the CEO and local government personnel, and process local government reports on ordinances and resolutions adopted.
- **Contractor.** Contractor costs assume \$200,000 over two years based on prior stakeholder engagement contracts, and that approximately half of local governments will receive an average of four hours of technical assistance. Additional costs include the development of guidance documents and trainings.

Centrally appropriated costs. Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

Local Government

The bill increases workload in local governments to adopt regulations that comply with the bill's requirements. The expedited permit review timeline may also increase workload in order to meet the bill's timelines. The scope of any increased workload depends on the number of permit applications received and how much the processes required by the bill vary from a local government's existing permit review process.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

No appropriation is required, as the Electric Vehicle Grant Fund is continuously appropriated to the Colorado Energy Office.

State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office
Municipalities

Counties

Local Affairs

The revenue and expenditure impacts in this fiscal note represent changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year. For additional information about fiscal notes, please visit the [General Assembly website](#).