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Bill Topic: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING SYSTEM PERMITS

Summary of Fiscal Impact: [ ] State Revenue [ ] State Transfer [x] Local Government
[x] State Expenditure [ ] TABOR Refund [ ] 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: For FY 2024-25, the bill requires an appropriation of \$204,480 to the Colorado Energy Office.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 24-1173

Table with 4 columns: Category, Sub-category, Budget Year FY 2024-25, and Out Year FY 2025-26. Rows include Revenue, Expenditures (General Fund, Centrally Appropriated, Total Expenditures, Total FTE), Transfers, and Other Budget Impacts (General Fund Reserve).

**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 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 standards that are no more restrictive than the model code by December 31, 2025. CEO must provide technical assistance to these local governments, as necessary.

**State Expenditures**

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

**Table 2**  
**Expenditures Under HB 24-1173**

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

<sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Colorado Energy Office.** Expenditures increase in 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.** 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 CEO and local government personnel, and process local government reports on ordinances and resolutions adopted.
- **Contractor.** Contactor 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.

## Other Budget Impacts

**General Fund reserve.** Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

## 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

For FY 2024-25, the bill requires a General Fund appropriation of \$204,480 to the Colorado Energy Office, and 0.3 FTE.

## State and Local Government Contacts

Colorado Energy Office  
Municipalities

Counties

Local Affairs

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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](#).