The bill allows a motor vehicle manufacturer that manufactures electric vehicles to sell directly to customers. The bill may increase state revenue and expenditures beginning in FY 2020-21.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

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

Summary of Legislation

The bill allows a manufacturer that manufactures electric vehicles to own, operate, or control a motor vehicle dealer. An electric motor vehicle is defined as a motor vehicle that can operate entirely on electrical power.

Background

Under current law, motor vehicle manufacturers are only allowed to own, operate, or control a motor vehicle dealer under certain circumstances enumerated in law. In addition, one motor vehicle manufacturer is allowed to operate one motor vehicle dealer location to sell directly to customers in Colorado.

State Revenue and Expenditures

To the extent that any electric motor vehicle manufacturers own, operate, or control a motor vehicle dealer location in Colorado, fee revenue will increase. For informational purposes, the current fee for an original motor vehicle dealer is $639. This revenue is subject to TABOR and therefore may increase state General Fund obligations for TABOR refunds by a minimal amount in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22.
Beginning in FY 2020-21, the bill may minimally increase workload for the Auto Industry Division within the Department of Revenue to process additional motor vehicle dealer licenses. The increase in workload can be accomplished with existing appropriations.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2020, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2020, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Information Technology

Revenue

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: leg.colorado.gov/fiscalnotes.