Bill Topic: ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER AND DEALER

Summary of Fiscal Impact:
- State Revenue
- TABOR Refund
- State Expenditure
- Local Government
- State Transfer
- Statutory Public Entity

The bill allows a motor vehicle manufacturer that only 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
Under current law, motor vehicle manufacturers are only allowed to own, operate, or control a motor vehicle dealer under certain exceptions enumerated in law. The bill creates an additional exception that allows a manufacturer that only manufactures electric vehicles and has no franchised dealers of the same line-make in Colorado to own, operate, or control a motor vehicle dealer. The bill also removes an exception that allowed the ownership, operation, or control of a motor vehicle dealer by a manufacturer if the manufacturer owned, operated, or controlled the motor vehicle dealer on January 1, 2009, and had continuously operated or controlled the dealer since.

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

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