

## Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note

**NO FISCAL IMPACT**

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Sen. Jones**Bill Status:** House Transportation and Energy**Fiscal Analyst:** Kristen Koehler (303-866-4918)

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**SHORT TITLE:** PLUG-IN ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINITION.**Summary of Legislation**

This bill, **recommended by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee**, amends and clarifies the definition of a "plug-in electric motor vehicle" for registration purposes.

Under current law, a plug-in electric motor vehicle includes any vehicle that draws electricity from a battery that is capable of being charged from an external source. The bill changes the definition to clarify that a plug-in electric motor vehicle is one that can be *recharged* from any external source of electricity, and said electricity is stored in a rechargeable battery pack which propels or helps to propel the vehicle's drive wheels. The bill also expands the definition to include retrofitted vehicles that have been converted to a plug-in electric vehicle.

**Background**

House Bill 13-1110 requires the Department of Revenue to collect a \$50 fee for plug-in electric motor vehicles and to issue a decal to the owners of said vehicles. County clerks and recorders must begin collecting the annual fee on January 1, 2014.

There are two types of hybrid vehicles: plug-in and *non* plug-in. The federal government does not currently require vehicle manufacturers to specify through the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or through other means, if the vehicle is a plug-in electric vehicle. To correctly apply the \$50 fee for plug-in electric vehicles, the Colorado Department of Revenue issued a letter in September 2013 to owners whose registration records indicate ownership of a hybrid vehicle, or of a vehicle with a single fuel type of electric. Owners were asked to self-declare whether or not their vehicle is a plug-in electric vehicle.

The money collected from the fee is credited to the Highway Users Tax Fund (\$30 of each fee) and to the Electric Vehicle Grant Fund (\$20 of each fee).

**Assessment**

This bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. It clarifies the vehicles that are subject to the \$50 fee, but it does not affect revenue, expenditures, or workload for any state agency or unit of local government.

**Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

**Departments Contacted**

Revenue  
Public Health and Environment

County Clerks  
Governor's Energy Office

Transportation