

SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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S.304 Introduced on January 12, 2021 **Bill Number:**

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Subject: **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Requestor: Senate Judiciary

RFA Analyst(s): Payne

Impact Date: March 23, 2021

Fiscal Impact Summary

This bill specifies that a person or corporation using an electric vehicle charging station to resell electricity to the public is not an electric utility and stipulates that future increases in consumer demand or energy consumption associated with electric vehicles does not establish found revenues for an electric utility. This bill will not operationally or fiscally impact the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). As such, this bill will not have an expenditure impact on ORS's Other Funds.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 12, 2021 State Expenditure

This bill states that a person or corporation using an electric vehicle charging station to resell electricity to the public is not an electric utility if:

- 1. the person or corporation has procured the electricity from an electrical utility, municipality, consolidated political subdivision, or an electric cooperative that is authorized to sell the electricity within the territory the charging service is provided;
- 2. the person or corporation provides electricity solely for the charging of plug-in electric vehicles; and
- 3. the charging station is immobile.

This bill specifically states that it does not limit the ability of an electrical utility, municipality, consolidated political subdivision, or an electric cooperative to use electric vehicle charging stations to provide electricity for charging electric vehicles. Further, future increases in consumer demand or energy consumption associated with electric vehicles does not constitute found revenues for an electrical utility. This bill will not operationally or fiscally impact ORS. As such, this bill will not have an expenditure impact on the office's Other Funds.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure and Local Revenue

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