

BILL SUMMARY

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Bill No.:	SB 502
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Impact:	Budget Neutral

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for SB 502 creates the "Oklahoma Electric Vehicle Charging Act" which details the requirements of retail and municipal electric providers that provide power to electric vehicle charging stations.

The measure: Requires retail electric suppliers to use a separate, unregulated entity to operate an electric vehicle charging station, and requires electric suppliers to use the same fees and terms offered to private providers of electric vehicle charging stations;

Prohibits retail electric suppliers from subsidizing the operations of their electric vehicle charging stations by charging a fee through their other regulated service offerings;

Prohibits an electric vehicle charging provider from being considered a public utility or a retail electric supplier;

Clarifies that a retail electric supplier may subsidize the cost of make-ready infrastructure by charging fees for services provided by its regulated services so long as the subsidies are offered to electric vehicle charging providers equally;

Prohibits a municipality that owns an electric charging station from using revenue derived from the sale its municipally-owned power station to construct or maintain the electric charging station; and

Authorizes the Corporation Commission to enforce any violations of electric suppliers within its jurisdiction. The Attorney General may enforce violations of any electric suppliers outside the jurisdiction of the Commission.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 502 in its current form creates the Oklahoma Electric Vehicle Charging Act, regulating retail electric suppliers regarding electric vehicle charging. The measure places regulatory authority and enforcement on the Corporation Commission and the Attorney General. The measure provides for the collection of fines for violations. It is anticipated that such fine revenue can offset costs related to regulation thus not having a material cost to the regulating agencies. For this reason the measure is not anticipated to require additional appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

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