

BILL SUMMARY

1st Session of the 60th Legislature

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| Bill No.: | HB 2179 |
| Version: | POLPCS1 |
| Request Number: | 12380 |
| Author: | Rep. Pfeiffer |
| Date: | 2/25/2025 |
| Impact: | PUD (FY-26): \$502,599 Recurring and \$50,000 One-Time |

Research Analysis

The policy committee substitute to HB 2179 directs the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to develop minimum fire safety standards at electric charging stations for electric vehicles. Charging station operators must comply with the standards. Charging station operators failing to comply are subject to an administrative penalty not to exceed \$500.

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Fiscal Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute to HB 2179 requires the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) to establish certain fire safety standards and promulgate rules relating to electric vehicle operations. In addition, the measure provides certain fees for charging station operator violations.

After further communication with OCC, the Public Utility Division (PUD) is expected to hire additional full-time personnel at a cost of approximately \$121,410 to inspect electric vehicle charging stations. Furthermore, PUD expects to hire 1 FTE (i.e., Legal) at a cost of approximately \$131,189, and a third-party consultant specializing in fire safety standards at a cost of approximately \$250,000 to ensure proper rule promulgation and safety standard implementation. Additionally, a one-time cost of \$50,000 for rulemaking and the purchase of office furniture, supplies, and software is anticipated.

Depending on the interpretation of language in the measure, prior existing electric vehicle charging stations that are more than 25 feet from the entry point of a multilevel structure may be improper. Notably, interpretation of the term "ground floor" may have similar implications.

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Other Considerations

None.