Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: HB324 **Patron:** Sullivan
Bill Title: Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program and Fund created.

Bill Summary: Creates the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program and Fund to assist private developers with non-utility costs associated with the installation of electric vehicle charging stations (i) in certain localities; (ii) on eligible public land, as defined in the bill; or (iii) within one mile of the boundary of eligible public land. The bill provides that a private developer may apply for a grant in an amount equal to 70 percent of the private developer's non-utility costs for the installation of such public electric vehicle charging stations. The awarding of a grant under the Program is conditional upon an agreement with the applicant that any cost of a project not funded by a grant awarded by the Program be funded by non-federal funds. The bill directs the Department of Energy to establish guidelines for the administration of the Program, including guidelines related to the application for and award of grants. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2031.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes. **Items Impacted:** 109
Explanation: An amendment is needed to capitalize the Fund.

Fiscal Summary: A budget amendment is needed to capitalize the Fund. In addition to initial capitalization, it is anticipated that the Department of Energy will incur expenses of approximately $75,000 annually to administer the program as described in the bill, which can be absorbed within existing appropriations.

Fiscal Analysis: The bill establishes the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Program, which will be supported by the Electric Vehicle Rural Infrastructure Fund. The program is designed to assist private developers with non-utility costs associated with the installation of public electric vehicle (EV) charging stations located in distressed localities, on eligible public lands, or within one mile of eligible public lands. A budget amendment is necessary to operationalize the Fund. The bill provides that all moneys in the Fund are to be used to support grants.

Impact estimates are not yet available from Energy; however, for a similar bill in 2025 it was anticipated that the workload required to manage the program and Fund will be equal to approximately 0.5 full time employees, or $75,000 annually. Based on this preliminary estimate, it is anticipated that Energy would be able to absorb the impact of this bill with existing resources.

Other: None.