

Department of Planning and Budget 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB708

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Marsden

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Driving Decarbonization Program and Fund.

5. Summary: Establishes a driving decarbonization program and fund to assist developers with non-utility costs associated with the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. A developer would be eligible to grants of 50 to 70 percent of the non-utility costs, depending on where the charging station is located in the Commonwealth. The total amount of grants awarded in a fiscal year is capped at \$20 million, with at least \$5 million in grants reserved for charging stations located in historically economically distressed communities.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See item 8 below.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: A budget amendment will be necessary to capitalize the Driving Decarbonization Fund. The fiscal impact of this bill will depend on the size and scope of the program implemented by the Department of Energy (DEN). If the program is established at the maximum level authorized in this bill, the department will require an additional position and general fund appropriation to support this position, as the bill does not authorize the department to recover its costs in administering the Driving Decarbonization Program and Fund. The position would accept and process grant applications and awards.

As a reference for what such position may cost, DEN has offered the administrator for its Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy financing program. According to DEN, the cost to issue a request for proposals and select a program administrator was \$100,000.

The State Corporation Commission does not anticipate any impact as a result of this bill.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Energy; State Corporation Commission.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to HB351.