

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/16/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/31, 04/16

Vote:

Yeas: 8 - Bentz, Boone, Heard, Helm, Holvey, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson

Nays: 1 - Weidner

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Declares electric vehicle charging station to be personal property of owner of lot in planned community or unit in condominium unless different result is negotiated between parties. Clarifies that if owner of lot owns charging station, owner must obtain liability insurance policy if charging station is not hard-wired into electrical system and is not certified electrical product. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Existing ambiguity regarding ownership of charging equipment
- Issues that may arise with charging station accessibility

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Clarifies that if owner of lot owns charging station, owner must obtain liability insurance policy if charging station is not hard-wired into electrical system and is not certified electrical product.

BACKGROUND:

Electric vehicle (EV) charging stations are locations where vehicles can plug into an electrical source to recharge batteries. House Bill 3301 (2013) authorized owners of lots in certain planned communities, or units in condominiums, to install electric vehicle charging stations for personal, noncommercial use, and invalidated prohibitions against such activities by homeowners' or equivalent governing associations. The measure authorized a governing association to require owners to first submit an application; require that certain architectural standards be met; impose reasonable charges to recover costs; and impose reasonable restrictions.

House Bill 2585A would declare EV charging stations to be the personal property of an owner unless a different result is negotiated between the parties.