



*Colorado Legislative Council Staff Fiscal Note*  
**STATE**  
**FISCAL IMPACT**

**Drafting Number:** LLS 11-0551  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Rep. Wilson  
 Sen. Schwartz

**Date:** February 1, 2011  
**Bill Status:** House Transportation  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY VEHICLE REFUELING STATIONS.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2011-2012</b>	<b>FY 2012-2013</b>
<b>State Revenue</b> Multiple Cash Funds	Potential Increase	
<b>State Expenditures</b> Cash Funds State Parks Cash Fund	\$16,400	
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> August 10, 2011, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 11, 2011, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2011-2012:</b> None.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> None.		

**Summary of Legislation**

House Bill 11-1133 requires the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to award concessions contracts for refueling stations for alternative fuel vehicles — defined as self-propelled vehicles designed primarily for travel on public highways, used to transport persons and property over public highways, and powered primarily by electricity or natural gas. The bill requires that concessions be granted for:

- 1 or more businesses to install and maintain an alternative fuel station(s) at state highway rest areas; and
- 1 or more businesses to install and maintain an alternative fuel station(s) at a state park(s), in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

Contracts may only be granted if CDOT, or CDOT and the DNR, determine that the concession will not negatively impact state expenditures, public safety, the environment, or public enjoyment of a state park. Concession contracts must state the maximum fees that a concessionaire may charge for use of a refueling station. The bill also requires CDOT to display and update on its website a list of alternative fuel vehicle refueling stations, by January 1, 2012.

## **State Revenue and Expenditures**

**The bill increases state cash fund expenditures by \$16,400 in FY 2011-12.** To implement the bill, CDOT staff will dedicate approximately 850 hours for:

- drafting and issuing 3 requests for proposal (RFP);
- evaluating RFP responses; and
- updating and maintaining the CDOT website with information regarding refueling stations.

Additional CDOT staff time will also be required, assuming that CDOT would be responsible for monitoring and supervising concessionaire alternative fuel stations. CDOT staff costs to accomplish the bill's implementation are absorbable within existing resources, funded by the State Highway Fund which is continually appropriated.

DNR staff will also conduct environmental assessments to meet the bill's requirement for an alternative fuel concession located at a state park to have no detrimental impact to the environment. Assessment costs will be contracted for 80 hours at a rate of \$205 per hour.

**The bill has a potential increase in state revenue for each fiscal year in which the state has an active contract with a concessionaire.** New concessionaire contracts could result in new state revenue to the State Highway Fund, State Parks Cash Fund, or other cash funds. However, such revenue would be conditional upon specific contractual provisions entered into between the CDOT and a concessionaire.

## **State Appropriations**

The bill requires a one-time appropriation of \$16,400 for contractor services from the State Parks Cash Fund.

## **Departments Contacted**

Labor and Employment  
Public Health and Environment

Natural Resources  
Transportation