



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

**Drafting Number:** LLS 12-0152  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Schwartz  
 Rep. Jones

**Date:** January 13, 2012  
**Bill Status:** Senate Transportation  
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**TITLE:** CONCERNING LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2012-2013</b>	<b>FY 2013-2014</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>		
<b>FTE Position Change</b>		
<b>Effective Date:</b> Upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.		
<b>Appropriation Summary for FY 2012-2013:</b> None required.		
<b>Local Government Impact:</b> See Local Government Impact section.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill amends current law to allow low-speed electric vehicles to operate on roadways with speeds of 40 miles per hour (mph) or less, or on roadways with speed limits greater than 40 mph if crossing at grade with the road.

**Background**

Under current law, a low-speed electric vehicle (LSEV) is defined as:

- primarily propelled by electricity;
- having at least three wheels in contact with the ground;
- not requiring handlebars for steering; and
- displaying a vehicle identification number pursuant to state law.

Under current law, LSEVs are permitted to operate on roads with speed limits of 35 mph or less, or on roads with speed limits greater than 35 mph if crossing at grade with the road.

**Local Government Impact**

Due to a possible need for counties to publish new guidance or replace roadway signs, local government costs could increase. This amount is anticipated to be minimal and has not been estimated.

**Departments Contacted**

Governor's Office  
Revenue

Local Affairs  
Transportation

Public Safety