HB 1333-FN - AS INTRODUCED

2024 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1333-FN***

AN ACT relative to prohibiting state agencies from buying or leasing fleet electric vehicles for 10 years.

SPONSORS: Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Rep. Bernardy, Rock. 36; Rep. Hobson, Rock. 14

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits state agencies from buying or leasing any type of electric vehicle for its vehicle fleet for a 10-year period.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Four

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 New Paragraph; Department of Administrative Services; State Vehicle Fleet. Amend RSA 21-I:19-i by inserting after paragraph VII the following new paragraph:

VIII. For a 10-year period beginning July 1, 2024, and until the electric vehicle battery technology can improve and the electric grid can be modernized to provide enough electric power for the increased demand, an agency shall not purchase, rent, lease, or lease-purchase any hybrid, plug-in hybrid, or electric vehicle for its fleet.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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HB 1333-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: [X] State [ ] County [ ] Local [ ] None

Estimated State Impact - Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2024	**FY 2025**	**FY 2026**	**FY 2027**
Revenue	$0	$0	$0	$0
Revenue Fund(s)	None			
Expenditures	$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Funding Source(s)	General Fund Various Agency Funds			
Appropriations	$0	$0	$0	$0
Funding Source(s)	None			

- Does this bill provide sufficient funding to cover estimated expenditures? [X] N/A
- Does this bill authorize new positions to implement this bill? [X] N/A

METHODOLOGY:

This bill prohibits state agencies from buying or leasing any type of electric vehicle for its vehicle fleet for a 10-year period.

The Department of Administrative services states this bill will requires state agencies to only acquire internal combustion engine vehicles using petroleum-based fuels or hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles consuming compressed hydrogen. Hydrogen vehicles are unlikely to be practical or cost-effective compared to internal combustion, hybrid, or electric vehicles. Currently, agencies independently manage fleet vehicles, deciding annually on types and quantities. The proposed legislation might prevent replacing existing hybrid or electric vehicles within the next decade, despite some agencies aiming for cleaner fleets and facing challenges in finding hybrid or electric alternatives for heavier non-passenger vehicles.

Additionally, the Department states due to decentralized fleet acquisition management, the lack of future agency plans (except for the Department of Transportation's), and potential yearly changes from proposed legislation, the Department of Administrative Services cannot predict state agencies' vehicle needs. This bill mainly impacts decisions on passenger and sport

utility vehicles due to the cost-effectiveness of hybrid and electric options, making it impossible for the Department to estimate any resulting state expenditure changes.

The Department of Transportation states this bill will not have a financial impact on them as there would be no changes to the current plan to fulfill fleet requirements.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Administrative Services and Department of Transportation