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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original x Amendment
Correction Substitute

Date 1/24/24

Bill No: SB 134

Agency Name and Code

EMNRD - 521

Sponsor: Senator Campos

Number:

Short Title: Study Electric Vehicle

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Table with columns: Appropriation (FY24, FY25), Recurring or Nonrecurring, Fund Affected. Data row shows 500.0 for FY25, Nonrecurring, and GF for Fund Affected.

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Table with columns: Estimated Revenue (FY24, FY25, FY26), Recurring or Nonrecurring, Fund Affected.

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**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY24</b>	<b>FY25</b>	<b>FY26</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>						

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**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis:

Senate Bill 134 (SB 134) appropriates \$500,000.00 from the General Fund to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) to conduct a study on electric vehicle development, with a focus on establishing charging stations at rest areas throughout the state. Any remaining balance at the end of fiscal year 2025 will revert to the general fund.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None for EMNRD.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

In the past year, New Mexico has been awarded over a hundred million dollars in federal grant monies for the deployment of charging infrastructure through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act. These funds have been deployed through a public outreach and award process run by NMDOT. The deployment plan spans all the major interstates and attempts to include smaller communities statewide. The study proposed in SB 134, however, could help to ensure that NMDOT’s continued deployment of charging infrastructure maintains geographic equity, i.e. ensuring that New Mexico’s rural communities are thoroughly included in EV planning.

SB 134 focuses its study on the deployment of charging infrastructure at rest areas across the state. Studying the need for charging infrastructure at these points will help to encourage EV road travel and tourism. EMNRD particularly recommends that the study, if funded, consider Scenic Byways and State Parks as sites where charging infrastructure would be ideal for those travelers and New Mexicans who have come to experience some of the most beautiful vistas in the state.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None for EMNRD.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

None for EMNRD.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

N/A

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

N/A

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES**

N/A

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Without the funds appropriated in SB 134, NMDOT will continue its current process of distributing funds as outlined in New Mexico's [National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure](#) plan and update(s).

**AMENDMENTS**

N/A