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DIGEST

SB 460 Original 2022 Regular Session Ward

Proposed law creates the "Charge Ahead Act" for the purposes of establishing a statewide electric vehicle charging technology and equipment network.

Proposed law provides that it is the intent of the legislature that proposed law promote a rapid development of a statewide electric vehicle charging network.

Proposed law defines terms, including "commission", "direct current fast charging equipment", "electric public utility", "electric vehicle", "electric vehicle charging equipment", "electric vehicle charging provider", "Level 2 charging station", and "make-ready infrastructure".

Proposed law provides that an electric public utility owns, operates, or maintains electric vehicle charging equipment may provide electric vehicle charging directly to consumers through a separate, unregulated entity and the electric public utility is subject to the same rates and regulations as other electric vehicle charging providers.

Proposed law provides that an electric public utility that owns, operates, or maintains electric vehicle charging equipment shall not establish a guaranteed rate or guaranteed rate of return by passing costs relating to the ownership, development, operation, or maintenance of electric vehicle charging technology or equipment to the utility's consumers.

Proposed law provides that an electric public utility shall recover costs associated with make-ready infrastructure in any manner authorized by the commission.

Proposed law provides that on or before, December 1, 2022, the commission shall establish an electric vehicle charging rate structure to establish terms and conditions for the sale of electricity to electric vehicle charging providers, promulgate and implement regulations, and provide a detailed initial report to the legislature.

Proposed law provides that beginning March 1, 2023, the commission shall conduct an annual audit pursuant to R.S. 45:1163 and provides that beginning in 2024, an audit report be submitted to the legislature on or before March 1st of each year.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 51:1501-1504)