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136th General Assembly

Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Energy

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Reineke

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill classifies electric vehicle (EV) charging stations as a competitive retail electric service under Ohio's electric deregulation statutes, thereby prohibiting electric utilities from providing EV charging as a regulated service. No direct fiscal effect on the state or local governments is expected from the bill.

Detailed Analysis

The bill revises Ohio's electric deregulation statutes to classify electric vehicle (EV) charging stations as a competitive retail electric service. The bill adds definitions for "electric vehicle" and "electric vehicle charging station" and includes EV charging stations in the list of services that the consumers may obtain from competitive suppliers. Since existing law prohibits electric utilities from providing competitive retail electric services, EV charging must be offered by competitive suppliers rather than as a regulated service. The bill's changes are limited to the statutory classification of EV charging stations, and they do not create new regulatory duties for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio or for local government entities. Therefore, no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions is expected.

Separately, the bill corrects provisions of the recently enacted S.B. 103 of the 136th General Assembly to ensure that the cost of replacement water service lines and water service line replacement reimbursement amounts under continuing law are included within the valuation of the property of a utility that chooses to file for a forecasted test period.