
SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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SB 1283 (Ashby) - Electric vehicle charging stations: installation: permits

Version: April 23, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: May 14, 2026

Policy Vote: L. GOV. 6 - 0, JUD. 12 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Mark McKenzie

Bill Summary: SB 1283 would expand existing requirements for cities and counties to streamline permitting of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations to include supporting infrastructure related to an EV charging station, and would establish new remedies if local governments have not complied with streamlining requirements, as specified.

***** **ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE** *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on May 14, 2026

Fiscal Impact:

- The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) anticipates minor and absorbable costs to develop and publicly post a standardized form and template that permit applicants can use to submit specified information if a local agency has not adopted a streamlining ordinance. (General Fund)
- Unknown significant local costs to adopt amended ordinances and checklists related to the streamlined permitting of EV charging stations and related infrastructure by December 31, 2027, and to comply with expanded permit streamlining requirements. Local costs are not state-reimbursable because local agencies have general authority to charge and adjust planning and permitting fees to cover any administrative costs for permitting mandates. (local funds)

Committee Amendments: Delete provisions that explicitly authorize an applicant to bring a court action for injunctive or declaratory relief, or a writ of mandamus, to enforce the permitting provisions. Amendments would also delete associated provisions authorizing the court to award specified reasonable fees and costs if a local agency is not making a good faith effort to comply with the streamlined permitting process.

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