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AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HYDROGEN AND
ELECTRIC AUTOMOBILE PURCHASE REBATE.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	CT Hydrogen & Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate - Cost	At least 100,000	At least 100,000

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands the uses of the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Rebate (CHEAPR) program to include electric bicycles ("e-bikes"). Currently, the CHEAPR program provides rebates of at least \$3 million annually to residents who purchase or lease certain types of hydrogen or electric vehicles.

This program expansion is expected to result in increased costs estimated to be at least \$100,000 annually, to the CHEAPR account, a separate nonlapsing account within DEEP. These costs include: (1) onboarding a vendor to design the new e-bike program, (2) creating a new web-based customer interface, and (3) issuance of a new request for proposals process since the current agreement does not include e-bikes. There would also be increased costs to the CHEAPR account associated with the issuance of incentives, based on the number of eligible participants.

The current balance of the CHEAPR program is \$2,754,236.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None