

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Holmes and members of the House Energy and Utilities Committee
From: Matt Sterling, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 24, 2012
Subject: House Bill 2455

HB 2455 would create an electricity highway fee, modeled after the motor-vehicle fuel tax, to be imposed on electricity sold at a recharge station for plug-in hybrid or electric vehicles. If the recharge location is located in a residence or privately owned building, the fee would be collected and remitted by the retail provider. If the recharge location is located in a public area such as a public parking lot, hotel or corporate office building, the fee would be collected and remitted by an electric reseller.

The amount of the fee is determined by the department of transportation and approved by the commission, but it is to be comparable to the motor fuel tax. All the moneys collected from the fee are to be remitted to the department of revenue and credited to the same funds as the fees from the motor-vehicle fuel tax. The bill would require a separate electric meter to be furnished for each recharge location at no additional cost. Finally, the bill gives the KCC the authority to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the act.