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Memo

To: Chair Walker and Members of House Committee on Transportation

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From: Patrick Ó. Murphy, State Policy Director

Re: Electrify Your Fleet

Electrify Your Fleet:

(Enacted in Act 62, 2023 Sec 21; modified by 2024 Act 148, Sec. 19)

- Program authorized in June 2023 with \$500k reappropriation
- Launched in-house in November 2023
- Provides up to \$2,500 for businesses, municipalities and other tax-exempt entities to replace or avoid gaspowered vehicles in their fleets through the purchase of electric vehicles
- Applicants capped at 20 vehicles, with nonprofit shared mobility fleets able to access a higher (\$5000) incentive amount. Recipients encouraged to resell vehicles to participating MileageSmart dealerships.

Incentive Type	Incentives Authorized	Grant Funds Authorized
AEV (Nonprofit Mobility Service Provider)	9	\$45,000
AEV	29	\$72,500
PHEV	7	\$17,500
eBike	2	\$1,250
eATV/eUTV	3	\$7,500
eSnowmobile	1	\$2,500
Total	51	\$156,250

Some takeaways:

- Though vehicle turnover rate may be lower than that of an individual household, far fewer eligible entities has meant many fewer transactions to influence with fleet incentive
- Decision-making processes can be more complex than a household because of vehicle use cases, multiple decisionmakers, public or budgeting processes, etc
- \$2,500 intended to be paired with IRA tax credits, which proved difficult to obtain for many
- Greater impact might be had in providing technical assistance and preparing fleets for electric transition