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 Committee of Conference Positions
 May 20, 2026, morning

Mileage-Based User Fee

House	Senate	Notes
Definitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEV 	Definitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered vehicle • Updated definition of mileage reporting period to cover newly purchased vehicles 	Mileage reporting period could be further updated to specify the initial registration of a vehicle instead of beginning of purchase or lease
Payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual at the end of reporting period 	Payment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual at the end of reporting period • Pay-as-you-go • Estimated payments • Flat rate at end of reporting period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AOT proposes providing a 60-day window prior to registration renewal during which payment of amount due could be delayed until subsequent registration renewal • AOT notes that if MBUF is expanded to hybrids and cap is eliminated, flat fee would likely need to be changed to align with updated cap and default rate
All vehicles subject to payment at end of mileage reporting period	Newly registered vehicles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permits usage of only the pay-as-you-go, estimated payment, and flat rate options during first year 	
NA	Cap of \$178 per mileage reporting period	
Interest on past due amounts of 1.5% per month up to a maximum of 18%	NA	
Penalty Rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mileage fee x 98th percentile mileage (approx. \$375) 	Default rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$175, assessed at next registration renewal • If inspection is obtained within 90 days after registration renewal, may receive a credit against next MBUF for amount of any overpayment 	AOT proposes clarifying that credit eligibility is limited to vehicles that have two odometer readings

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits inspection to occur within a reasonable period of time after end of mileage reporting period 	
Road usage charge of 1% of rental charge for EV rental cars	NA	
Transition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to vehicles registered in VT as of 12/31/26 Credits \$89 from EV infrastructure fee against first MBUF due 	Transition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies to all EVs during 2027 and 2028. EVs registered or renewed before conclusion of first mileage reporting period in 2027/2028 will pay road usage charge of \$89/year of registration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charge will be credited against first MBUF due EVs registered in VT on 12/31/26 that do not renew before conclusion of first mileage reporting period will receive credit for EV infrastructure fee paid at last registration EVs may select annual payment or flat fee for first mileage reporting period 	AOT proposes limiting eligibility for credits to vehicles that have obtained all required safety inspections for the first mileage reporting period
Report on possibility of implementing pay-as-you-go option	NA	Not necessary in Senate version because pay-as-you-go is offered in initial rollout
NA	Outreach, education, and user feedback report	
NA	Transition Plan and Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires plan to expand MBUF to hybrids and other light-duty vehicles in 2029 and 2031 Plan must include additional options for tracking miles traveled, including an option to distinguish out-of-state mileage 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan must include a proposed system of fuel tax credits for users who also pay gas/diesel tax • Must provide information on revenues, operating expenses, and implementation costs • Three reports due (1/27, 7/28, and 9/28) 	
NA	Expansion to hybrids on January 1, 2029: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides fuel tax credits for users who also pay gas/diesel tax • Eliminates \$175 cap • Changes default rate to \$375 	

Transportation Program

House	Senate	Notes
NA	Utilizes \$1.75 million in TIB funds in lieu of T-Funds for State Highway Bridges	
NA	Utilizes addition \$1.7 million T-Fund from State Highway Bridges for Statewide District Leveling	
NA	Utilizes remaining \$50k in T-Fund from State Highway Bridges for Drive Electric VT	
Transfers \$2.2 million from TIB fund to T-Fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1.7 million is allocated to general State aid for town highways • Remaining \$500k goes to T-Fund 	NA	Notwithstanding limitations on use of TIB funds

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Bonding

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NA	Provides authority to issue Transportation Infrastructure Bonds in FY 2028-2032, subject to legislative approval of amount	
NA	Requires AOT to submit parallel FY 2028 Transportation Program proposals (with and without bonding) and report comparing relative costs and time to complete affected projects	

Drive Electric Vermont

House	Senate	Notes
Appropriates \$192k	Appropriates \$242k	<i>See Transportation Program above</i>

Senate-Only Provisions

Senate	Notes
Authorization to use appropriated amounts to support grants to public transit agencies for volunteer recruitment and mobility management activities related to non-emergency medical transports	
Requires public EV chargers installed or reconditioned after 9/30/26 to make real-time usage and availability data available to third-parties for inclusion in various mapping and EV charging apps	Representative of charging network providers has requested that effective date be changed to 1/1/27
Permits installation of EV chargers in common-interest communities subject to reasonable restrictions	Attorney who represents some common interest communities requested extending time before request is deemed approved from 60 to 90 days
Implementation study for intelligent speed assistance devices	
Technical changes to outdated references to Public Utilities Commission in Vermont statutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEC has requested repeal of log drive provisions (Sen. §§ 50-54 • Ways & Means discussed repeal of § 55 and related provisions in Title 32 (32 V.S.A. §§ 8395–8398)
Study of reliability of vehicle history reports and possible consumer protections	Representative of vehicle history report providers has requested adding vehicle history report providers to entities that DMV would consult with in preparing the report