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AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE AND PURCHASE OF GAS-POWERED HAND-HELD OR BACKPACK LEAF BLOWERS BY STATE AGENCIES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Department of Administrative Services; Department of Transportation; Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF&TF - Potential Cost	None	None

Note: GF&TF=General Fund & Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

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State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 28 \$	FY 29 \$	FY 30 \$
Department of Administrative Services; Department of Transportation; Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	GF&TF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below	See Below

Note: GF&TF=General Fund & Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

The bill requires various state agencies to begin phasing out the use of certain gas-powered equipment, which results in the following fiscal impact:

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Section 1(a) requires certain state agencies to replace gas powered landscaping equipment that is at the end of its useful life with electric equipment when there is a functionally equivalent option available, beginning on September 1, 2027. This results in a potential cost of less than \$15,000 in FY 28. The cost is associated with the relatively higher price of electrical equipment and any additional support equipment like mobile charging stations. The costs are expected to be mitigated by decreased operating costs of electrical equipment. The net impact of the increases in upfront costs and decreases in operating costs is uncertain.

Sections 1(b) requires certain landscaping contracts on state property to use electrical equipment when functionally equivalent options are available beginning September 1, 2029. This results in a potential cost to the state beginning in FY 30 to the extent landscaping contracts increase as a result of these requirements.