

OFFICE OF FISCAL ANALYSIS

Legislative Office Building, Room 5200
Hartford, CT 06106 ◇ (860) 240-0200
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/ofa>

sHB-6862

AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, ELECTRIC BICYCLES AND MOTOR-DRIVEN CYCLES.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	77,121	99,295
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	30,134	40,179
State Revenues	Various - Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Note: Various=Various; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
All Municipalities	Potential Revenue Gain	Minimal	Minimal

Explanation

The bill creates various requirements of electric bike sellers and makes violations an unfair trade practice violation resulting in a cost to the state. To meet the requirements of the bill, the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) will have to hire one state program manager for a salary and other expenses cost of \$77,121 in FY 26² and

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 40.71% of payroll in FY 26.

²Costs in FY 26 reflect nine months of expenditures due to the bill's 10/1/2025 effective date.

\$99,295 in FY 27, along with a fringe benefit cost of \$30,134 in FY 26 and \$40,179 in FY 27. DCP does not currently regulate this market and will need to hire someone with the expertise to handle complaints and conduct investigations.

The bill results in a potential revenue gain to municipalities beginning in FY 26 to the extent violations occur.

The bill also creates and modifies various infractions related to e-bikes resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state from fines. Infractions are not crimes and are punishable by fines that usually range from \$100 to \$300.³

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation, employee wage increases, and actual violations.

³ In FY 24, there were a total of 89 charges recorded and \$2,977 in associated revenue collected under CGS § 14-289k, 14-286, 14-286d, 14-288, and 14-300j.