

UPDATE - 2020 COLORADO EV RELATED BILLS – 3/6/20

SB20-167 Electric Motor Vehicle Manufacturer and Dealer (Introduced 2-13-20)

This bill is concerning increasing consumer access to electric motor vehicles by allowing manufacturers to sell their own electric motor vehicles directly to consumers.

Bill Summary (Updated 2-28-20)

Current law states that, with certain exceptions, a motor vehicle manufacturer may not own, operate, or control any motor vehicle dealer or used motor vehicle dealer in Colorado. The bill creates a new exception that allows the ownership, operation, or control of a motor vehicle dealer if the manufacturer makes only electric motor vehicles and has no franchised dealers of the dealer's line-make.

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb20-167>

After passing the Senate, as indicated in the March newsletter, the bill was introduced in the House on 3-2-20 and assigned to the Energy & Environment Committee.

The hearing for this bill is scheduled for Monday, March 9th at 1:30 PM | HCR-0107.

This Committee has eleven members. <https://leg.colorado.gov/committees/energy-environment/2020-regular-session> If you can't testify in person and would like to share your views with the Committee, you may email the Chair, Dominique Jackson at: dominique.jackson.house@state.co.us and the Vice Chair, Edie Hooton at: edie.hooton.house@state.co.us As a courtesy you may want to put "SB20-167 For" or "SB20-167 Against" in the Subject line. Also include a brief reason for your view in the text of the email. If you want to be heard, you must act ASAP.

HB20-1155 Higher Efficiency New Construction Residence (Introduced 1-17-20)

Concerning requirements that builders of new residences offer buyers options to accommodate higher efficiency devices.

Bill Summary

Current law requires a home builder to offer to a buyer of a new home one of the following:

- A solar panel system or a solar thermal system;
- To prewire or preplumb the home for these systems; or
- A chase or conduit to wire or plumb the home for these systems in the future.

Section 1 of the bill changes this to require that the home builder offer each of these options.

Section 2 requires a home builder to offer one of the following options to a buyer of a newly constructed residence:

- An electric vehicle charging system;
- Upgrades of wiring to accommodate future installation of an electric vehicle charging system; or
- A 208- to 240-volt alternating current plug-in located in a place accessible to a motor vehicle parking area.

Section 2 also requires the home builder to offer electric heating options. These requirements apply to traditional detached, single-family homes.

<https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb20-1155>

This bill was introduced in the House, Passed Energy & Environment Committee and Passed the House Second & Third Readings. It was then introduced in the Senate, Passed the Senate Energy & Transportation Committee with Amendments, and is now headed to the Senate Floor for a Second Reading which has yet to be scheduled. Note that Section 2 involves EV charging.