

HB 479 -- ALTERNATIVE FUEL AND ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Darrough

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Energy and the Environment by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill establishes the Clean American Fuel Board consisting of eight members, seven of whom are voting members and represent various industries and coalitions concerned with the use of alternative fuel and alternative fuel vehicles. The Director of the Department of Natural Resources is an ex officio member and will serve as the chairman. The department will provide the needed staff and assist the board in carrying out its duties. The qualifications and terms of the appointed members are specified. The board is required to establish and administer policies to promote individual, industrial, and governmental compliance with the United States Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency and report by January 1, 2008, and every year thereafter, to the General Assembly, Governor, Department of Transportation, and Department of Natural Resources on a calculation of fuel cost differential rebates and designation of certified conversion and original equipment manufacturer technologies. The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund is created for the deposit of appropriated moneys and other donations. The board will administer the distribution of grants to qualifying applicants for alternative fuel vehicle infrastructure projects, education, and alternative fuel vehicles. The applicant requirements, grant uses, and grant amounts are specified.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help in the development of alternatives to foreign oil and reduce pollution.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Darrough.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that it is important to have industry representation on the Clean American Fuel Board and that it is desirable to consult with the petroleum industry on proposed legislation.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Petroleum Marketers and

Convenience Store Association.