HCS HB 1326 -- INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR HYBRID VEHICLES

SPONSOR: Bivins (Sater)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on Energy and Environment by a vote of 9 to 2.

This substitute authorizes an individual income tax deduction, for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, for a qualified hybrid vehicle that is powered by a combination of an electric motor and gasoline engine. The deduction is limited to the lesser of 10% of the vehicle's purchase price or \$2,000.

The provisions of the substitute will expire December 31 six years from the effective date.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$501,891 in FY 2009, \$640,726 in FY 2010, and \$841,031 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will encourage job growth in Missouri, reduce dependence on foreign oil, and help protect the environment.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Sater; Irl Scissors, Missouri Conservation and Environmental Alliance; and Sierra Club.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.