

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB581

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 11, 2015
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Nordquist
One Liner: Adopt the Nebraska Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Hughes, Kolowski, Johnson, Lindstrom, Schilz, Schnoor
Nay:	2	Senators Friesen, McCollister
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jeremy Nordquist
Lynne Schuller
Rich Davis
Larry Johnson
Rick Kubat
Mike Hoelscher
Jill Becker
Lisa Disbrow

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Propane Association
SourceGas LLC
Nebraska Trucking Association
Metropolitan Utilities District
Stirk CNG
Black Hills Energy
Waste Management of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 581 creates the Nebraska Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Act, and provides for rebates and incentives for qualified clean alternative fuel vehicles and the conversion of vehicles to a clean alternative fuel using certified or approved conversion systems. The bill's provisions would:

- * Provide definitions for motor vehicle and qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel;
 - * Require the State Energy Office to offer a rebate for qualified clean-burning motor vehicle fuel property;
 - * State that the rebate is either 50 percent of the cost of the property or \$4,000 or \$2,500 (depending on the type of property) whichever is less;
 - * Provide that a rebate is not available if the applicant has claimed another rebate or incentive for the same vehicle;
 - * Create the Clean-burning Motor Fuel Development Fund, to be used for rebates and incentives under the act;
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* State legislative intent to appropriate \$1 million for FY2015-16 from the General Fund.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment changes certified mechanic to certified installer; removes the required model year of 2012 because it could unintentionally eliminate some qualified motor vehicles; and ensures that those who get low-interest loans for qualified vehicles would still be eligible for rebates under this bill by striking the word "incentives" from the section that prohibits one from receiving a rebate under this bill if one has received other rebates or incentives.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson