



State of Wisconsin
2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Frederick, BB0280 - Eliminate Office of Energy Independence

FOR 2011-13 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT ...; relating to: the budget.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

STATE GOVERNMENT

OTHER STATE GOVERNMENT

Current law creates the Office of Energy Independence (OEI) in DOA and requires OEI to work on and facilitate the implementation of initiatives with certain goals regarding the state's energy independence, bioindustry and biorefineries, renewable energy markets, alternative energy research, and motor vehicle fuels that blend gasoline and certain biofuels. Current law also requires OEI to do the following: 1) serve as a single point of contact for assistance in biodevelopment, energy efficiency, and energy independence; 2) develop energy independence policy options; 3) identify and facilitate federal funding opportunities; 4) perform duties to maintain federal energy funding; 5) pursue, in cooperation with DATCP, the establishment and maintenance of sufficient alternative fuel refueling facilities to meet the traveling needs of the public; 6) adopt and implement a plan to facilitate usage of alternative fuels in state-owned vehicles; and 7) coordinate with other state agencies the preparation of a biennial strategic assessment for biomass used to produce energy. This bill eliminates OEI and all the foregoing duties, and requires DOA to develop and implement a cost-effective, balanced, reliable, and environmentally responsible energy strategy to promote economic growth.

Current law also requires DOA to require that state agencies take certain actions regarding hybrid-electric motor vehicles and using gasohol and other

alternative fuels instead of gasoline and diesel fuel. This bill requires DOA, whenever feasible and cost-effective, to encourage, rather than require, state agencies to take the actions. The bill also changes deadlines for reducing the usage of gasoline and diesel fuel in state-owned vehicles. Under current law, DOA must require that, by 2015, state agencies collectively reduce the usage of gasoline by at least 50 percent below the total used in 2006 and reduce the usage of diesel fuel by at least 25 percent below the total used in 2006. Under this bill, DOA must encourage, rather than require, that, by 2015, state agencies collectively reduce the usage of gasoline by at least 20 percent below the total used in 2006 and reduce the usage of diesel fuel by at least 10 percent below the total used in 2006. The bill also eliminates a requirement for DOA to submit an annual report to the legislature regarding the state's usage of hybrid-electric motor vehicles and gasohol and alternative fuels.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 15.105 (30) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 16.04 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.04 (1) (a) Develop uniform state policies and guidelines for vehicle and aircraft acquisition, use, maintenance, recording of operational and other costs, performance evaluation and replacement of vehicles and aircraft. The department shall incorporate the fuel usage ~~requirements~~ policies under s. 16.045 (4m) in any policies or guidelines developed under this paragraph.

SECTION 3. 16.045 (1) (f) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 16.045 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.045 (2) The department shall, whenever feasible, ~~require~~ and cost-effective, encourage agencies to store no motor fuel except gasohol or alternative fuel in facilities maintained by the agencies for the storage of fuel for and the refueling of state-owned or state-leased vehicles. This subsection does not authorize construction or operation of such facilities.

SECTION 5. 16.045 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.045 (4) The department shall require, whenever feasible and cost-effective, encourage all state employees to utilize hybrid-electric vehicles or vehicles that operate on gasohol or alternative fuel for all state-owned or state-leased motor vehicles whenever such utilization is feasible. However, the department shall not lease or purchase any hybrid-electric vehicle, or authorize the lease or purchase of any hybrid-electric vehicle, unless the manufacturer certifies to the department that final assembly of the vehicle occurred in the United States.

SECTION 6. 16.045 (4m) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.045 (4m) (intro.) The department shall require, whenever feasible and cost-effective, encourage all agencies to collectively reduce the usage of gasoline and diesel fuel in state-owned vehicles that is petroleum-based below the total amount that the agencies used in 2006 by at least the following percentages:

SECTION 7. 16.045 (4m) (a) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 16.045 (4m) (a) and amended to read:

16.045 (4m) (a) For gasoline: 1. ~~Twenty,~~ 20 percent by 2010 2015.

SECTION 8. 16.045 (4m) (a) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 9. 16.045 (4m) (b) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 16.045 (4m) (b) and amended to read:

16.045 (4m) (b) For diesel fuel: 1. ~~Ten,~~ 10 percent by 2010 2015.

SECTION 10. 16.045 (4m) (b) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 11. 16.045 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.045 (5) The department shall, whenever feasible and cost-effective, encourage distribution of gasohol and alternative fuels and usage of hybrid-electric vehicles or vehicles that operate on gasohol or alternative fuels by officers and employees who use personal motor vehicles on state business and by residents of this

~~state generally. The department shall report to the appropriate standing committees under s. 13.172 (3) concerning distribution of gasohol and alternative fuels and usage of hybrid-electric vehicles and vehicles that operate on gasohol or alternative fuels in this state, no later than April 30 of each year.~~

SECTION 12. 16.045 (6) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 13. 16.95 (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

16.95 Powers and duties. (intro.) The department shall, through a system of comprehensive long-range planning, promote the development and the maximum wise use of the energy, natural, and human resources of the state. It and develop and implement a cost-effective, balanced, reliable, and environmentally responsible energy strategy to promote economic growth. The department shall do all of the following:

SECTION 14. 16.954 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 15. 16.956 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 16. 93.07 (26) of the statutes is amended to read:

93.07 (26) ALTERNATIVE FUEL REFUELING FACILITIES. ~~To pursue in cooperation with the office of energy independence,~~ the establishment and maintenance of sufficient alternative fuel refueling facilities at public retail outlets to meet the traveling needs of the public.

SECTION 17. 96.01 (4m) of the statutes is amended to read:

96.01 (4m) ~~“Bioenergy feedstock” has the meaning given in s. 16.954 (1) (b)~~ means biomass used to produce energy, including transportation fuel, heat, or electricity.

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