

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL: CS/SB 1664

SPONSOR: Transportation Committee and Senator Sebesta

SUBJECT: Alternative Fuels

DATE: February 28, 2002 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	McAuliffe	Meyer	TR	Favorable/CS
2.	_____	_____	NR	_____
3.	_____	_____	FT	_____
4.	_____	_____	AGG	_____
5.	_____	_____	AP	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____

I. Summary:

This CS would require the Clean Fuel Florida Advisory Board to report to the Department of Community Affairs, the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2003 regarding:

- The impact of emerging transportation technologies on state transportation revenues derived from motor fuel taxes;
- The impact of emerging transportation technologies on transportation infrastructure such as fuel distribution and refueling infrastructure;
- The development of emerging transportation technologies and their potential for impact on this state's investment in transportation.
- The projected costs of an alternative fuel vehicle incentive program.

The Center for Urban Transportation Research is appropriated \$50,000 to assist in the study, the Department of Transportation is required to assist in the study to avoid any duplication of effort.

This CS substantially amends section 403.42 of the Florida Statutes.

II. Present Situation:

Section 403.42, F.S., provides for the membership, duties and responsibilities of the Clean Fuel Florida Advisory Board.

The Clean Fuel Florida Advisory Board is established within the Department of Community Affairs and consists of the Secretary of Community Affairs, the Secretary of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of Education, the Secretary of Transportation, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Secretary of Management Services, or a designee from those departments,

and a representative of each of the following, who is appointed by the Secretary of Community Affairs:

- The Florida biodiesel industry.
- The Florida electric utility industry.
- The Florida natural gas industry.
- The Florida propane gas industry.
- An automobile manufacturers' association.
- A Florida Clean Cities Coalition designated by the United States Department of Energy.
- Enterprise Florida, Inc.
- EV Ready Broward.
- The Florida petroleum industry.
- The Florida League of Cities.
- The Florida Association of Counties.
- Floridians for Better Transportation.
- A motor vehicle manufacturer.
- Florida Local Environment Resource Agencies.
- Project for an Energy Efficient Florida.
- Florida Transportation Builders Association.

The section provides the purpose of the advisory board is to serve as a resource for the Department of Environmental Protection and to provide the Governor, the Legislature, and the Secretary of Community Affairs with private sector and other public agency perspectives on achieving the goal of increasing the use of alternative fuel vehicles in this state.

Members are appointed to serve terms of 1 year each, with reappointment at the discretion of the Secretary of Community Affairs. The section provides the board will terminate June 2004.

The board is charged with reviewing the performance of the state with reference to alternative fuel vehicle implementation in complying with federal laws and maximizing available federal funding. The advisory board was also charged with making recommendations to the Department of Community Affairs for establishing pilot programs in this state that provide experience and support the best use expansion of the alternative fuel vehicle industry in this state.

In addition, the advisory board is required to:

- Assess federal, state, and local initiatives to identify incentives that encourage successful alternative fuel vehicle programs; obstacles to alternative fuel vehicle use including legislative, regulatory, and economic obstacles; and programs that educate and inform the public about alternative fuel vehicles; and
- Determine a reasonable, fair, and equitable way to address current motor fuel taxes as they apply to alternative fuels and at what threshold of market penetration.

Based on its findings, the advisory board is charged with developing recommendations to the Legislature on future alternative fuel vehicle programs and legislative changes that provide the best use of state and other resources to enhance the alternative fuel vehicle market in this state and maximize the return on that investment in terms of job creation, economic development, and emissions reduction.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

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IV. Constitutional Issues:**A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:**

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

None.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.

This Senate staff analysis does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill's sponsor or the Florida Senate.
