By the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Services; and Senators Constantine, Pruitt, Clary and Campbell

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| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
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| 2 | An act relating to hydrogen energy technology; |
| 3 | creating s. 377.801, F.S.; creating the |
| 4 | Hydrogen Energy Technologies Act; creating s. |
| 5 | 377.802, F.S.; providing legislative intent |
| 6 | concerning the development and promotion of |
| 7 | hydrogen energy technologies; creating s. |
| 8 | 377.803, F.S.; providing the purpose of the |
| 9 | act; creating s. 377.804, F.S.; providing |
| 10 | definitions; creating s. 377.805, F.S.; |
| 11 | creating the Hydrogen Energy Technologies |
| 12 | Grants Program within the Department of |
| 13 | Environmental Protection to promote |
| 14 | demonstration, commercialization, research, and |
| 15 | development of hydrogen energy technologies; |
| 16 | providing for matching grants to be made to |
| 17 | specified entities; providing factors for the |
| 18 | department to consider in awarding grants; |
| 19 | authorizing the department to amend grant |
| 20 | awards; requiring that the department report to |
| 21 | the Governor and the Legislature on the grant |
| 22 | program; amending s. 212.08, F.S.; providing a |
| 23 | sales tax exemption for certain hydrogen energy |
| 24 | technology projects; creating s. 213.053, F.S.; |
| 25 | providing for information sharing between the |
| 26 | Department of Revenue and the Department of |
| 27 | Environmental Protection for purposes of the |
| 28 | tax exemption and tax credit created by the |
| 29 | act; amending s. 220.02, F.S.; providing for |
| 30 | the priority of tax credits; creating s. |
| 31 | 220.192, F.S.; creating a hydrogen energy |

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technologies investment tax credit; defining terms; providing for a credit to be taken against the corporate income tax for a specified period; requiring that application be made to the Department of Environmental Protection for certification of eligibility for the credit; authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt rules; authorizing the Department of Revenue to perform audits and investigations; providing procedures for revoking or modifying the decision granting eligibility for the tax credit; authorizing the Department of Revenue to adopt rules; providing for expiration of the provisions authorizing the tax credit; amending s. 220.13, F.S.; allowing the adjustment of federal income in conformance with tax credits taken; amending s. 366.075, F.S.; authorizing the Public Service Commission to approve experimental or transitional rates to encourage the use of renewable energy; amending s. 366.8255, F.S.; authorizing an investor-owned electric utility to recover the costs of investments in hydrogen energy technologies incurred within a specified period; amending s. 633.022, F.S.; authorizing the State Fire Marshal to adopt uniform standards for hydrogen fueling, storage, and production facilities; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 377.801, Florida Statutes, is 2 created to read: 377.801 Short title.--Sections 377.801-377.805 may be 3 4 cited as the "Florida Hydrogen Energy Technologies Act." 5 Section 2. Section 377.802, Florida Statutes, is 6 created to read: 7 377.802 Legislative intent.--The Legislature finds that advancing the development of clean and efficient energy 8 9 technologies is important for the state's future, will promote 10 energy stability, and will protect the public health of the state's people and environment. The Legislature finds that 11 12 hydrogen can be used as a clean and efficient energy carrier, 13 and that the development of hydrogen technologies in the state will help to reduce pollution, reduce demand on foreign fuels, 14 promote energy diversity, enhance system reliability, educate 15 the public on the promise of alternative energy technologies, 16 and promote economic growth. The Legislature finds that the 18 promotion of hydrogen energy technologies will also promote the development of associated energy technologies, including 19 fuel cells and solar technologies. The Legislature finds that 2.0 21 there is a need to assist in the development of early market 2.2 demand that will advance the commercialization and widespread 23 application of hydrogen energy technologies. The Legislature further finds that this state is ideally positioned to 2.4 stimulate such advanced energy technology economic development 2.5 due to its ongoing and successful research and development 26 27 track record in this area, an abundance of natural and 2.8 renewable energy sources, an ability to attract significant research and development federal dollars, and the need for the 29 state to find and secure clean energy technologies for the 30 benefit of this state's residents, visitors, and environment. 31

| 1 | Section 3. Section 377.803, Florida Statutes, is |
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| 2 | created to read: |
| 3 | 377.803 Purpose The Florida Hydrogen Energy |
| 4 | Technologies Act is intended to provide matching grants to |
| 5 | stimulate capital investment in this state and to enhance the |
| 6 | market for, and promote the statewide use of, hydrogen energy |
| 7 | technologies. This targeted grant program is designed to |
| 8 | advance the already growing establishment of hydrogen energy |
| 9 | technologies in the state and encourage the use of other |
| 10 | incentives such as tax exemptions and to provide regulatory |
| 11 | certainty in order to attract additional producers, |
| 12 | developers, and users of hydrogen energy technology to this |
| 13 | state. |
| 14 | Section 4. Section 377.804, Florida Statutes, is |
| 15 | created to read: |
| 16 | 377.804 DefinitionsAs used in this act, the term: |
| 17 | (1) "Act" means the Hydrogen Energy Technologies Act. |
| 18 | (2) "Balance of plant" means all equipment and |
| 19 | components directly involved in the generation, storage, or |
| 20 | use of hydrogen for energy production located at the site of |
| 21 | hydrogen generation or use. |
| 22 | (3) "Department" means the Department of Environmental |
| 23 | Protection. |
| 24 | (4) "Fuel cell" means equipment using an |
| 25 | electrochemical process to generate energy, electricity, or |
| 26 | transfer of heat. |
| 27 | (5) "Electrical grid optimization" means the use of |
| 28 | hydrogen energy technology to assist in decreasing electrical |
| 29 | peak demand. |
| 30 | (6) "Hydrogen energy technology" means any technology |
| 31 | that is used primarily for the purpose of generating or using |

| 1 | hydrogen directly as a fuel in this state, including, but not |
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| 2 | <pre>limited to:</pre> |
| 3 | (a) Stationary fuel cell systems, or internal |
| 4 | combustion engine systems fueled with hydrogen, used for power |
| 5 | generation, including prime power, supplemental power, and |
| 6 | back-up power, and the balance of plant. |
| 7 | (b) On-road and off-road vehicles and watercraft |
| 8 | powered by fuel cells or internal combustion engines fueled |
| 9 | with hydrogen. |
| 10 | (c) Fueling systems and supportive infrastructure. |
| 11 | (d) Renewable energy resource systems used to |
| 12 | electrolytically produce hydrogen. |
| 13 | (e) Reformer technologies used to produce hydrogen |
| 14 | from the respective hydrogen carrier, including, but not |
| 15 | limited to, steam-methane, biomass, and chemical. |
| 16 | (f) Electrical grid electrolysis. |
| 17 | (q) Electrical grid optimization technologies. |
| 18 | (7) "Person" means an individual, partnership, joint |
| 19 | venture, private or public corporation, association, firm, |
| 20 | public service company, or any other entity, public or |
| 21 | private, however organized. |
| 22 | (8) "Renewable energy resource" means any method, |
| 23 | process, or substance, the use of which does not diminish its |
| 24 | availability or abundance, including, but not limited to, |
| 25 | solar energy, wind energy, thermal gradient power, |
| 26 | hydroelectric power, and fuels derived from agricultural |
| 27 | products, but does not include fossil fuel or nuclear power. |
| 28 | Section 5. Section 377.805, Florida Statutes, is |
| 29 | created to read: |
| 30 | 377.805 Hydrogen Energy Technologies Grants Program |
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| 1 | (1) The Hydrogen Energy Technologies Grants Program is |
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| 2 | established within the department to provide hydrogen energy |
| 3 | matching grants for demonstration and commercialization |
| 4 | projects and for research and development relating to hydrogen |
| 5 | energy technologies and electrical grid optimization. |
| 6 | (2) Matching grants for hydrogen energy demonstration |
| 7 | and commercialization projects and for research and |
| 8 | development projects may be made to any of the following based |
| 9 | on the criteria in this section: |
| 10 | (a) Municipalities and county governments. |
| 11 | (b) Established for-profit companies licensed to do |
| 12 | business in this state. |
| 13 | (c) State universities. |
| 14 | (d) Utilities located and operating within the state. |
| 15 | (e) Nonprofit organizations. |
| 16 | (f) Qualified persons. |
| 17 | (3) The department shall adopt rules to administer the |
| 18 | awarding of grants under this program. |
| 19 | (4) Factors that the department shall consider in |
| 20 | awarding grants include, but are not limited to: |
| 21 | (a) The extent to which the project stimulates |
| 22 | in-state capital investment and economic development in |
| 23 | metropolitan and rural areas, including job creation and |
| 24 | future development of a commercial market for clean energy |
| 25 | technologies. |
| 26 | (b) The availability of matching funds from an |
| 27 | applicant and the applicant's commitment to provide matching |
| 28 | funds. |
| 29 | (c) The ability to administer a complete project. |
| 30 | (d) Project duration and the timeline for |
| 31 | expenditures. |

| 1 | (e) The geographic area of the state in which the |
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| 2 | project is to be conducted in relation to other projects. |
| 3 | (f) Other in-kind contributions applied to the total |
| 4 | project. |
| 5 | (q) The extent to which the project incorporates an |
| 6 | innovative new technology or an innovative application of an |
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| 7 | existing technology. |
| 8 | (h) The degree to which a project generates thermal or |
| 9 | electrical energy by means of a low or zero-emissions |
| 10 | generation technology or renewable energy resource that has |
| 11 | substantial potential for long-term production. |
| 12 | (i) The degree to which the project fosters an overall |
| 13 | understanding and appreciation of clean energy technologies by |
| 14 | the general public, students, or a specific government or |
| 15 | sector of industry. |
| 16 | (j) The degree of public visibility and interaction. |
| 17 | (5) Grants awarded to any entity may subsequently be |
| 18 | amended by the department upon a determination that sufficient |
| 19 | criteria in subsection (4) are met for the additional funds. |
| 20 | (6) The department shall provide a progress report on |
| 21 | grants awarded to recipients to the Governor, the President of |
| 22 | the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. |
| 23 | The report must include: |
| 24 | (a) A description of the extent to which the grants |
| 25 | program is benefiting the state's environment, public health, |
| 26 | and economic development; |
| 27 | (b) A list of grant recipients; |
| 28 | (c) The amount of each grant; |
| 29 | (d) The amount of matching funds provided by |
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| 31 | (e) The date of each grant; |

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(f) A description of each project or expansion funded by a grant; and

(q) A description of each project's contribution to
the state's knowledge and use of hydrogen energy technologies.

Section 6. Paragraph (ccc) is added to subsection (7) of section 212.08, Florida Statutes, to read:

212.08 Sales, rental, use, consumption, distribution, and storage tax; specified exemptions.—The sale at retail, the rental, the use, the consumption, the distribution, and the storage to be used or consumed in this state of the following are hereby specifically exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter.

(7) MISCELLANEOUS EXEMPTIONS. -- Exemptions provided to any entity by this chapter do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter when payment is made by a representative or employee of the entity by any means, including, but not limited to, cash, check, or credit card, even when that representative or employee is subsequently reimbursed by the entity. In addition, exemptions provided to any entity by this subsection do not inure to any transaction that is otherwise taxable under this chapter unless the entity has obtained a sales tax exemption certificate from the department or the entity obtains or provides other documentation as required by the department. Eligible purchases or leases made with such a certificate must be in strict compliance with this subsection and departmental rules, and any person who makes an exempt purchase with a certificate that is not in strict compliance with this subsection and the rules is liable for and shall pay the tax. The department may adopt rules to administer this subsection.

| 1 | (ccc) Equipment, machinery, and other materials for |
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| 2 | hydrogen energy technologies |
| 3 | 1. The sale or use of hydrogen energy technologies as |
| 4 | defined by s. 377.804(6) and of materials used in the |
| 5 | manufacture of hydrogen energy technologies is exempt from the |
| 6 | tax imposed by this chapter. |
| 7 | 2. The Department of Environmental Protection shall |
| 8 | provide to the Department of Revenue a list of items |
| 9 | considered to meet the definition of hydrogen energy |
| 10 | technologies in s. 377.804(6). Any person may request a |
| 11 | determination from the Department of Environmental Protection |
| 12 | as to whether an item that is not on the list meets the |
| 13 | definition of hydrogen energy technology as defined by s. |
| 14 | 377.804(6). The Department of Environmental Protection shall |
| 15 | make a determination and issue a revised list if appropriate. |
| 16 | The Department of Environmental Protection may adopt rules to |
| 17 | administer this paragraph. |
| 18 | 3. The Department of Revenue may provide procedures by |
| 19 | rule for purchasers to make tax-exempt purchases. |
| 20 | 4. This paragraph is repealed July 1, 2009. |
| 21 | Section 7. Paragraph (y) is added to subsection (7) of |
| 22 | section 213.053, Florida Statutes, to read: |
| 23 | 213.053 Confidentiality and information sharing |
| 24 | (7) Notwithstanding any other provision of this |
| 25 | section, the department may provide: |
| 26 | (y) Information relative to ss. 212.08(7)(ccc) and |
| 27 | 220.192 to the Department of Environmental Protection for use |
| 28 | in conducting its official business. |
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| 30 | Disclosure of information under this subsection shall be |
| 31 | pursuant to a written agreement between the executive director |

and the agency. Such agencies, governmental or 2 nongovernmental, shall be bound by the same requirements of confidentiality as the Department of Revenue. Breach of 3 confidentiality is a misdemeanor of the first degree, 4 punishable as provided by s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. 5 6 Section 8. Subsection (8) of section 220.02, Florida 7 Statutes, is amended to read: 8 220.02 Legislative intent.--9 (8) It is the intent of the Legislature that credits against either the corporate income tax or the franchise tax 10 be applied in the following order: those enumerated in s. 11 631.828, those enumerated in s. 220.191, those enumerated in 13 s. 220.181, those enumerated in s. 220.183, those enumerated in s. 220.182, those enumerated in s. 220.1895, those 14 enumerated in s. 221.02, those enumerated in s. 220.184, those 15 enumerated in s. 220.186, those enumerated in s. 220.1845, 16 those enumerated in s. 220.19, those enumerated in s. 220.185, 18 and those enumerated in s. 220.187, and those enumerated in s. 220.192. 19 Section 9. Section 220.192, Florida Statutes, is 20 21 created to read: 22 220.192 Hydrogen energy technologies investment tax 23 credit.--(1) As used in this section, the term: 2.4 (a) "Eligible costs" means all capital costs, 25 operation and maintenance costs, and research and development 26 27 costs incurred between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2009, in 2.8 connection with an investment in hydrogen energy technologies in this state, including, but not limited to, the costs of 29 acquiring, leasing, constructing, installing, equipping, and 30 financing hydrogen energy technologies in this state; all

obligations incurred for labor; and obligations to 2 contractors, subcontractors, builders, and materialmen in this 3 state. 4 (b) "Hydrogen energy technology" means hydrogen energy technology as defined in s. 377.804(6). 5 6 (2) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2005, a credit against the tax imposed by this chapter shall be granted in an amount equal to 75 percent of the eliqible 8 costs. Credits may be used in tax years beginning on or after 9 10 January 1, 2005, and ending on or before December 31, 2011, after which the credit expires and may not be used. If the 11 12 credit under this section is not fully used in any one tax 13 year because of insufficient tax liability on the part of the corporation, the unused amount may be carried forward and used 14 in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and ending 15 on or before December 31, 2011, after which the credit 16 carryover expires and may not be used. A taxpayer that files a 18 consolidated return in this state as a member of an affiliated group under s. 220.131(1) may be allowed the credit on a 19 consolidated return basis up to the amount of tax imposed upon 2.0 21 the consolidated group. Any eligible cost for which a credit 2.2 is claimed and which is deducted or otherwise reduces federal 23 taxable income shall be added back in computing adjusted federal income under s. 220.13. 2.4 (3) Any corporation wishing to obtain tax credits 2.5 available under this chapter must submit to the Department of 26 2.7 Environmental Protection an application for the tax credit 2.8 which includes a complete description of all eligible costs for which the corporation is seeking a credit and a 29 description of the total amount of credit sought. The 30 Department of Environmental Protection shall determine the 31

eligibility of the applicant for the credits sought, and 2 certify the determination to the applicant and to the Department of Revenue. The corporation must attach the 3 4 Department of Environmental Protection's certification to the tax return on which the credit is claimed. The Department of 5 6 Environmental Protection may adopt the necessary rules, quidelines, and application materials for the application 8 process. 9 (4)(a) In addition to its existing audit and 10 investigation authority, the Department of Revenue may perform any additional financial and technical audits and 11 12 investigations, including examining the accounts, books, and 13 records of the tax credit applicant which are necessary to verify the eliqible costs included in the tax credit return 14 and to ensure compliance with this section. The Department of 15 Environmental Protection shall provide technical assistance 16 when requested by the Department of Revenue on any technical 18 audits or examinations performed pursuant to this section. 19 (b) It is grounds for forfeiture of previously claimed and received tax credits if the Department of Revenue 2.0 21 determines, as a result of an audit or examination or from 2.2 information received from the Department of Environmental 23 Protection, that a taxpayer received tax credits pursuant to this section to which the taxpayer was not entitled. The 2.4 taxpayer is responsible for returning forfeited tax credits to 2.5 the Department of Revenue, and such funds shall be paid into 26 2.7 the General Revenue Fund of the state. 2.8 (c) The Department of Environmental Protection may revoke or modify any written decision granting eligibility for 29 tax credits under this section if it is discovered that the 30 tax credit applicant submitted any false statement, 31

representation, or certification in any application, record, 2 report, plan, or other document filed in an attempt to receive tax credits under this section. The Department of 3 4 Environmental Protection shall immediately notify the Department of Revenue of any revoked or modified orders 5 6 affecting previously granted tax credits. Additionally, the 7 taxpayer must notify the Department of Revenue of any change 8 in its tax credit claimed. 9 (d) The taxpayer shall file with the Department of 10 Revenue an amended return or such other report as the Department of Revenue prescribes by rule and shall pay any 11 12 required tax and interest within 60 days after the taxpayer 13 receives notification from the Department of Environmental Protection that previously approved tax credits have been 14 revoked or modified, if uncontested, or within 60 days after a 15 final order is issued following proceedings involving a 16 17 contested revocation or modification order. 18 (e) A notice of deficiency may be issued by the Department of Revenue at any time within 5 years after the 19 taxpayer receives formal notification from the Department of 2.0 21 Environmental Protection that previously approved tax credits have been revoked or modified. If a taxpayer fails to notify 2.2 23 the Department of Revenue of any changes to its tax credit claimed, a notice of deficiency may be issued at any time. 2.4 (f) A taxpayer that receives a credit under this 2.5 section for the construction or purchase of structures or the 26 27 purchase of equipment shall recapture and repay the amount of 2.8 credit attributable to such property if that property is not used by the taxpayer for hydrogen energy technologies through 29 the warranty period of the complete system or system 30 components. If a warranty is not provided by the equipment 31

manufacturer, the equipment must be operated for the useful 2 life of the complete system or system components. Credit shall not be allowed under this section for an eliqible cost 3 4 associated with an investment in hydrogen energy technologies if the credit has previously been allowed for such eliqible 5 6 cost. 7 (5) The Department of Revenue may adopt by rule the forms required to claim a tax credit under this section, the 8 requirements and basis for establishing an entitlement to a 9 10 credit, and procedures for the examinations and audits required to administer this section. 11 12 (6) The provisions of this section, except the credit 13 carryover provisions contained in subsection (2), expire on

July 1, 2009.

Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 220.13, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

220.13 "Adjusted federal income" defined.--

- (1) The term "adjusted federal income" means an amount equal to the taxpayer's taxable income as defined in subsection (2), or such taxable income of more than one taxpayer as provided in s. 220.131, for the taxable year, adjusted as follows:
- (a) Additions.--There shall be added to such taxable income:
- 1. The amount of any tax upon or measured by income, excluding taxes based on gross receipts or revenues, paid or accrued as a liability to the District of Columbia or any state of the United States which is deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable income for the taxable year.

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- 2. The amount of interest which is excluded from taxable income under s. 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code or any other federal law, less the associated expenses disallowed in the computation of taxable income under s. 265 of the Internal Revenue Code or any other law, excluding 60 percent of any amounts included in alternative minimum taxable income, as defined in s. 55(b)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, if the taxpayer pays tax under s. 220.11(3).
- 3. In the case of a regulated investment company or real estate investment trust, an amount equal to the excess of the net long-term capital gain for the taxable year over the amount of the capital gain dividends attributable to the taxable year.
- 4. That portion of the wages or salaries paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.181. The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire and be void on June 30, 2005.
- 5. That portion of the ad valorem school taxes paid or incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.182. The provisions of this subparagraph shall expire and be void on June 30, 2005.
- 6. The amount of emergency excise tax paid or accrued as a liability to this state under chapter 221 which tax is deductible from gross income in the computation of taxable income for the taxable year.
- 7. That portion of assessments to fund a guaranty association incurred for the taxable year which is equal to the amount of the credit allowable for the taxable year.

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- 8. In the case of a nonprofit corporation which holds a pari-mutuel permit and which is exempt from federal income tax as a farmers' cooperative, an amount equal to the excess of the gross income attributable to the pari-mutuel operations over the attributable expenses for the taxable year.
- 9. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under s. 220.1895.
- 10. Up to nine percent of the eligible basis of any designated project which is equal to the credit allowable for the taxable year under s. 220.185.
- 11. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year 11 under s. 220.187. 12
- 13 12. The amount taken as a credit for the taxable year under s. 220.192. 14
- Section 11. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 15 366.8255, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 16
 - 366.8255 Environmental cost recovery.--
 - (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (d) "Environmental compliance costs" includes all costs or expenses incurred by an electric utility in complying 21 with environmental laws or regulations or in deploying hydrogen energy technologies as provided in subparagraph 8.,
- 23 including, but not limited to:
- 1. Inservice capital investments, including the 2.4 electric utility's last authorized rate of return on equity 2.5 thereon; 26
 - 2. Operation and maintenance expenses;
 - 3. Fuel procurement costs;
 - 4. Purchased power costs;
- 30 5. Emission allowance costs;
- 6. Direct taxes on environmental equipment; and 31

7. Costs or expenses prudently incurred by an electric 2 utility pursuant to an agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this act and prior to October 1, 2002, 3 between the electric utility and the Florida Department of 4 Environmental Protection or the United States Environmental 5 6 Protection Agency for the exclusive purpose of ensuring 7 compliance with ozone ambient air quality standards by an 8 electrical generating facility owned by the electric utility: 9 and. 10 8. Costs incurred between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2009, for hydrogen energy technologies, as defined in s. 11 12 377.804(6), which have the potential to contribute to the 13 provision of adequate and reliable electric service to or for the public of this state and which have minimal rate impacts. 14 The electric utility must demonstrate that the proposed 15 hydrogen energy technology meets the definition in s. 16 17 377.804(6). Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 633.022, Florida 18 Statutes, is amended, and subsection (4) is added to that 19 section, to read: 2.0 21 633.022 Uniform firesafety standards. -- The Legislature 22 hereby determines that to protect the public health, safety, 23 and welfare it is necessary to provide for firesafety standards governing the construction and utilization of 2.4 certain buildings and structures. The Legislature further 2.5 determines that certain buildings or structures, due to their 26 27 specialized use or to the special characteristics of the 2.8 person utilizing or occupying these buildings or structures, should be subject to firesafety standards reflecting these 29 30 special needs as may be appropriate.

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(1) The department shall establish uniform firesafety 2 standards that apply to: 3 (a) All new, existing, and proposed state-owned and 4 state-leased buildings. 5 (b) All new, existing, and proposed hospitals, nursing 6 homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, 7 correctional facilities, public schools, transient public 8 lodging establishments, public food service establishments, 9 elevators, migrant labor camps, mobile home parks, lodging parks, recreational vehicle parks, recreational camps, 10 residential and nonresidential child care facilities, 11 12 facilities for the developmentally disabled, motion picture 13 and television special effects productions, and self-service gasoline stations, and hydrogen fueling, storage, and 14 production facilities for stationary fuel cells and vehicles, 15 including maintenance and repair facilities, of which 16 standards the State Fire Marshal is the final administrative 18 interpreting authority. 19 In the event there is a dispute between the owners of the 20 21 buildings specified in paragraph (b) and a local authority 22 requiring a more stringent uniform firesafety standard for 23 sprinkler systems, the State Fire Marshal shall be the final administrative interpreting authority and the State Fire 2.4 Marshal's interpretation regarding the uniform firesafety 2.5 26 standards shall be considered final agency action. 27 (4)(a) The State Fire Marshal may adopt rules

hydrogen is being used, produced, or stored, or in any other

manner dealt with or treated as a fuel, which the State Fire

pertaining to or applicable to any building, structure, facility, condition, situation, or circumstance in which

Marshal finds are necessary to protect the public health, 2 safety, and welfare and to protect the safety of persons and property in this state, including, but not limited to, the 3 4 adoption of the most recent edition of the National Fire Protection Association's NFPA 1 and any other applicable code, 5 6 publication, or standard. 7 (b) The State Fire Marshal may require by rule that 8 any equipment used in conjunction with any use specified in paragraph (a) be listed by a nationally recognized testing 9 10 laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., or Factory Mutual Laboratories, Inc. The State Fire Marshal may 11 12 adopt by rule procedures to determine whether a laboratory is 13 nationally recognized, taking into account the laboratory's facilities, procedures, use of nationally recognized 14 standards, and any other criteria reasonably calculated to 15 reach an informed determination. 16 17 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 366.075, Florida 18 Statutes, is amended to read: 366.075 Experimental and transitional rates.--19 20 (1) The commission is authorized to approve rates on 21 an experimental or transitional basis for any public utility 22 to encourage energy conservation or to encourage efficiency, 23 or use of energy from a renewable energy resource, as that term is defined in s. 377.703(2). The application of such 2.4 2.5 rates may be for limited geographic areas and for a limited 26 period. 27 Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005. 2.8 29 30

| 1 | STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR |
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| 2 | Senate Bill 2074 |
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| 4 | The committee substitute adds a section to authorize the |
| 5 | Public Service Commission to approve experimental or transitional rates for any public utility to encourage the use of energy from a renewable energy resource. |
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