

Senate Transportation Committee

Kat Bourque 271-3091

SB 181, relative to the regulation of biodiesel.

Hearing Date: February 14, 2017

Time Opened: 1:53 p.m.

Time Closed: 2:08 p.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Birdsell, Gannon, Ward, Watters and McGilvray

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill includes biodiesel in the definition of exempt fuel.

This bill is a request of the department of environmental services.

Sponsors :

Sen. Feltes

Sen. Bradley

Sen. Fuller Clark

Sen. Giuda

Sen. Woodburn

Rep. Vose

Rep. Backus

Rep. Richardson

Rep. Shepardson

Who supports the bill: Senator Feltes, Senator Giuda, Senator Fuller Clark, Wayne Presby (White Mountain Biodiesel), Darryl Perry (Liberty Lobby, LLC)

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Feltes

Prime Sponsor

- Senator Feltes stated that this bill is at the request of DES and deals with the requirements of best available fuel technology.
- This bill includes biodiesel in the definition of exempt fuel.
- Senator Watters asked if this only has to do with use of biodiesel in fueling plants. Senator Feltes confirmed this.

Wayne Presby

- Mr. Presby provided a demonstration for the committee with ultra-low sulfur diesel and biodiesel to show that biodiesel burns hotter and cleaner.
- Ms. Presby stated that biodiesel is less toxic than table salt. There is nothing more environmentally friendly than this.

- Biodiesel creates many jobs in manufacturing throughout the United States and reduces our dependence on foreign oil and increases energy security.
- Mr. Presby stated that biodiesel comes from waste vegetable oil.
- Senator Birdsell asked who uses biodiesel. Mr. Presby explained that it is used both in heating and in transportation. It can be burned in any diesel engine with no modification whatsoever.

Gary Milbury
DES

- This legislation was a request of the Department.
- This change would remove barriers for larger fuel-burning facilities in the state, such as hospitals, power plants and the like.
- The Department submitted written testimony in support of the bill.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition : N/A

Neutral Information Presented: N/A

Future Action: Ought to Pass

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 15, 2017