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ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLE PROGRAM

House Bill 6149

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Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6149 AS INTRODUCED 5-29-02

House Bill 6149 would create a new law entitled the Alternative Fuel and Vehicle Act, to provide for a study on the feasibility of using vehicles powered by alternative fuel.

The bill would require the Department of Transportation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of the state purchasing and utilizing vehicles that were able to operate using alternative fuel. The feasibility study would address all of the following: a) the location, type, and number of alternative fueling stations that were needed to make practical use of the vehicles; b) the type of fuel that can be used to power the vehicles; and, c) the feasibility of a partnership to provide alternative fueling stations with existing private service stations to provide for the number of fueling stations needed to use the vehicles.

The bill would require the department to present a written feasibility study to House and Senate transportation committee members no later than nine months after the effective date of the bill's enactment into law, and make recommendations for a pilot program based on the findings of the feasibility study.

Definitions. Under the bill, "alternative fuel" would be defined to mean electricity, ethanol, and natural gas. "Vehicle" would be defined to mean an automobile, truck, van, or sport utility vehicle that is normally powered by gasoline or diesel fuel but can utilize alternative fuel as an exclusive source of fuel or in combination with gasoline or diesel fuel.

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