

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 530

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Hydrogen and fuel cell technology; creating the Oklahoma Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Initiative Task Force; stating membership; providing for certain appointments; providing for meetings; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for staffing; stating purpose; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5017.10 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until January 1, 2010, the "Oklahoma Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Initiative Task Force".

B. The Task Force shall be composed of eleven (11) members as follows:

1. One member to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

2. One member to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. One member to be appointed by the Secretary of Energy;

4. One member to be appointed by the Secretary of Environment;

5. Two members to be appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

6. Two members to be appointed by the Governor;

7. One representative of the University of Oklahoma to be appointed by the President of the University of Oklahoma;

8. One representative of Oklahoma State University to be appointed by the President of the Oklahoma State University; and

9. One representative of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, appointed by the State Director of Career and Technology Education.

C. The Governor shall convene the first meeting of the Task Force within sixty (60) days following the effective date of this act. The chair and vice-chair shall be selected by the membership at the first meeting and annually thereafter. The members of the Task Force may elect additional officers as they deem necessary and may fill a vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary. The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. Task Force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed actual and necessary travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their respective agencies. Other Task Force members may be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force at the discretion of the Department of Commerce from funds under its authority. The Task Force is authorized to conduct meetings by videoconference or in any other manner it deems necessary and appropriate. All meetings of the Task Force shall be in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

D. Administrative support for the Task Force, including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force, shall be provided by the Department of Commerce. All participating state agencies and entities shall provide administrative support as requested by the Task Force.

E. The Task Force shall study, but not be limited to, the following issues and make recommendations as it deems appropriate and necessary:

1. The state of the fuel cell industry or of specific components of the industry and alternative programs to accelerate the commercial availability of fuel cells, including similar efforts by other states;

2. Programs encouraging the fuel cell industry to locate manufacturing, system integration or related component parts or services to this state;

3. The development of a statewide plan for the coordinated effort of the commercialization of fuel cell generation in this state, including the ongoing monitoring of the fuel cell industry and communication with fuel cell manufacturers; and

4. Tax or other economic incentives.

F. The Task Force shall make reports as it deems necessary and appropriate to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Secretary of Commerce, and the appropriate committees of the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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