

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1019

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Concurrent Resolution urging the United States
8 Environmental Protection Agency to take regulatory
9 steps that will encourage the use of natural gas
10 vehicles; and directing distribution.

11 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has a strong oil and gas industry that is
12 vital to the economy of the state; and

13 WHEREAS, Oklahoma is also fortunate that the oil and gas
14 industry has significantly invested in the development of the
15 abundant supply of natural gas in the state; and

16 WHEREAS, every gallon equivalent of natural gas used by vehicles
17 is one less gallon of petroleum that has to be imported from a
18 foreign country; and

19 WHEREAS, natural gas is the cleanest-burning alternative
20 transportation fuel commercially available today; and

21 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has
22 rules governing the manufacture, sale, and installation of
23 alternative fuel engine conversion systems; and
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1 WHEREAS, pursuant to Environmental Protection Agency rules
2 governing vehicle conversions from petroleum to natural gas, an
3 aftermarket conversion kit must be designed for the specific engine
4 of each vehicle; and

5 WHEREAS, each engine-specific conversion kit must undergo
6 specified testing approved by the Environmental Protection Agency to
7 ensure it meets emission standards and, upon passing, receive a
8 Certificate of Conformity; and

9 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should revise and
10 streamline the certification requirements applicable to small volume
11 manufacturers of alternative fuel engine conversion kits; and

12 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should waive
13 requirements for recertifying alternative fuel engine conversion
14 kits if the kit has been previously certified for the model of
15 vehicle to be converted and neither the kit nor the design and
16 specifications of the model of vehicle to be converted have
17 substantially changed; and

18 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should also permit
19 small vehicle manufacturers to include vehicles and engines in a
20 single engine category to improve the cost efficiency of emission
21 testing of converted vehicles and provide additional guidance to
22 small volume manufacturers regarding the conversion of older vehicle
23 models; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency should continue a
2 natural gas vehicle research, development, and demonstration funding
3 program within its existing budget and personnel levels to help
4 improve and develop natural gas usage in engines and vehicles; and

5 WHEREAS, the natural gas vehicle research and development
6 program by the Environmental Protection Agency could assist
7 manufacturers in emissions certification, develop and improve
8 nationally recognized safety codes and standards, and examine and
9 improve the reliability and efficiency of natural gas fueling
10 station infrastructure; and

11 WHEREAS, taking these steps will increase the number of natural
12 gas vehicles on the market and on the road, increasing the need for
13 natural gas fueling station infrastructure and encouraging the
14 private sector to engage in the development of the infrastructure;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, by taking these steps, the Environmental Protection
17 Agency would allow industry and the public to more quickly decrease
18 the dependency of the nation on imported petroleum.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
20 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
21 CONCURRING THEREIN:

22 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature strongly urges the United States
23 Environmental Protection Agency to act promptly and decisively in
24 revising and streamlining the certification requirements applicable

1 to small volume manufacturers and waiving requirements for
2 recertifying natural gas engine conversion kits if the kit has been
3 previously certified for the model of vehicle to be converted and
4 neither the kit nor the design and specifications of the model of
5 vehicle to be converted have substantially changed.

6 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the United States
7 Environmental Protection Agency to permit small vehicle
8 manufacturers to include vehicles and engines in a single engine
9 category and provide additional guidance to small volume
10 manufacturers regarding the conversion of older vehicle models.

11 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the United States
12 Environmental Protection Agency to continue a natural gas vehicle
13 research, development, and demonstration funding program within its
14 existing budget and personnel levels.

15 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Director of
16 the United States Environmental Protection Agency and to each member
17 of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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