

HB 2894-C12  
(LC 3211)  
6/26/13 (HE/ps)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
C-ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2894**

1       On page 1 of the C-engrossed bill, line 3, after the semicolon insert “ap-  
2 propriating money;”.

3       On page 5, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert:

4       **“SECTION 6. As used in sections 6 to 12 of this 2013 Act:**

5       **“(1) ‘Alternative fuel vehicle’ means a motor vehicle, as defined in**  
6 **ORS 801.360, that is manufactured or modified to use an alternative**  
7 **fuel, including but not limited to electricity, biofuel, gasohol with at**  
8 **least 20 percent denatured alcohol content, hydrogen, hythane,**  
9 **methane, methanol, natural gas, propane or any other fuel approved**  
10 **by the Director of the State Department of Energy, and that produces**  
11 **lower exhaust emissions or is more energy efficient than equivalent**  
12 **equipment fueled by gasoline or diesel.**

13       **“(2) ‘Public body’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.109.**

14       **“(3) ‘Tribe’ means a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon.**

15       **“SECTION 7. (1) The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund is**  
16 **established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the**  
17 **General Fund. Interest earned by the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Re-**  
18 **volving Fund shall be credited to the fund. The moneys in the Alter-**  
19 **native Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund are continuously appropriated to**  
20 **the State Department of Energy to be used for the purposes described**  
21 **in section 8 of this 2013 Act.**

22       **“(2) The State Treasurer may accept contributions, donations, be-**

1   quests, gifts or grants from any source, whether public or private.  
2   Moneys received under this subsection shall be deposited into the Al-  
3   ternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund.

4   “(3) The Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund shall consist of:

5   “(a) Moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly;

6   “(b) Any other revenues derived from contributions, donations, be-  
7   quests, gifts or grants;

8   “(c) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any source;

9   “(d) All repayments of moneys borrowed from the fund; and

10   “(e) All interest payments made by borrowers from the fund.

11   “(4) The State Treasurer may invest and reinvest moneys in the  
12   Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund in the manner provided by  
13   law. All earnings from such investment and reinvestment shall be  
14   credited to the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund.

15   **“SECTION 8.** (1) The State Department of Energy shall use the  
16   moneys in the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund for a loan  
17   program to provide loans to public bodies and tribes to:

18   “(a) Assist in the purchase of new alternative fuel vehicles by pro-  
19   viding funding for the additional cost of purchasing alternative fuel  
20   vehicles as compared to vehicles that are not alternative fuel vehicles;  
21   and

22   “(b) Convert existing vehicles that use gasoline or diesel to alter-  
23   native fuel vehicles.

24   “(2) Funding priority under subsection (1) of this section must be  
25   given to vehicle conversions.

26   “(3) The department may also use the moneys in the Alternative  
27   Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund to pay the expenses of the department  
28   in administering the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund and the  
29   loan program or any other costs incurred by the department in car-  
30   rying out sections 6 to 12 of this 2013 Act.

1       **“SECTION 9.** (1) In administering the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Re-  
2 volving Fund, the State Department of Energy shall:

3       “(a) Allocate funds for loans in accordance with procedures adopted  
4 by the department by rule.

5       “(b) Use accounting, auditing and fiscal procedures that conform  
6 to generally accepted government accounting standards.

7       “(c) Seek to maximize the ability of the Alternative Fuel Vehicle  
8 Revolving Fund to operate on a self-sustaining basis and to maintain  
9 a perpetual source of financing to provide loans as described in section  
10 8 of this 2013 Act.

11      “(2) In connection with the loan program, the department may:

12       “(a) Establish requirements for loans made from the Alternative  
13 Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund to ensure that adequate funds will be  
14 available in the fund to pay the costs of administering the fund and  
15 the loan program.

16       “(b) Exercise any remedies available to the department in con-  
17 nection with defaults on loans of advanced funds made to public bodies  
18 and tribes.

19       **“SECTION 10.** (1) Any public body or tribe desiring a loan from the  
20 Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund shall submit an application  
21 to the State Department of Energy. The application shall be in such  
22 form as may be specified by the department.

23       “(2) Any public body or tribe receiving a loan from the Alternative  
24 Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund shall establish and maintain a dedicated  
25 source of revenue or other acceptable source of revenue for the re-  
26 payment of the loan.

27       **“SECTION 11.** Notwithstanding any limitation contained in any  
28 other provision of law or local charter, a public body or tribe may:

29       “(1) Borrow money from the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving  
30 Fund through the State Department of Energy; and

1       **“(2) Enter into loan agreements and make related agreements with**  
2       **the department, in which the public body or tribe agrees to repay the**  
3       **borrowed money in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement.**

4       **“SECTION 12. (1) The State Department of Energy shall establish**  
5       **by rule policies for establishing loan terms and interest rates for loans**  
6       **made from the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Revolving Fund that ensure**  
7       **that the objectives of sections 6 to 12 of this 2013 Act are met and that**  
8       **adequate funds are maintained in the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Re-**  
9       **volving Fund to meet future needs. In establishing the policy, the**  
10      **department shall take into consideration at least the following factors:**

11       **“(a) The ability of a public body or tribe to repay a loan.**

12       **“(b) Current market rates of interest.**

13       **“(2) The department may establish an interest rate ranging from**  
14       **zero to the market rate. The department may establish the loan term,**  
15       **provided that the loan is fully amortized not later than six years after**  
16       **the purchase of a new alternative fuel vehicle or the conversion of a**  
17       **vehicle that uses gasoline or diesel to an alternative fuel vehicle.**

18       **“(3) The department shall adopt by rule any procedures or standards**  
19       **necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 6 to 12 of this 2013**  
20      **Act.**

21       **“SECTION 13. This 2013 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**  
22       **date on which the 2013 regular session of the Seventy-seventh Legis-**  
23       **lative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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