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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1610

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Environmental Protection Agency to authorize the use of higher blends of ethanol in non-flex fuel vehicles.

WHEREAS, Kansas has supported the production and use of ethanol blends for over twenty years, but is approaching an ethanol blend “wall” which will curtail ethanol production in the state; and

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has not yet approved the use of ethanol blends in excess of ten percent in non-flex fuel vehicles, although the EPA has the ability to approve the use of higher ethanol blends in such vehicles and non-flex fuel vehicles can run safely using blends in excess of E10; and

WHEREAS, The 2007 Federal Energy Bill requires the increased use of ethanol, a requirement that could be addressed through the use of higher ethanol blends, such as blends up to E20 in non-flex fuel vehicles; and

WHEREAS, Numerous studies have shown favorable emissions data through the use of blends up to E20 in comparison with unleaded gasoline; and

WHEREAS, Authorizing the use of higher blends of ethanol in non-flex fuel vehicles will double or triple the use of American-grown ethanol; and

WHEREAS, Kansas will benefit significantly through the increased production of ethanol and related job creation, in addition to the benefit enjoyed by Kansas drivers and fuel consumers through the use of additional ethanol blends at lower cost and through greater fuel efficiency in some vehicles using ethanol blends; and

WHEREAS, Kansas, as well as the entire country, continues to strive for energy independence, and increasing the use of ethanol and other biofuels is one more approach toward self-sufficiency: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That we strongly support and urge the prompt authorization and implementation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and other appropriate federal agencies, of the use of higher levels of ethanol blends in non-flex fuel vehicles; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and the secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Adopted by the House April 3, 2009.

Adopted by the Senate March 18, 2009.
