



House Bill 4131

Transportation & Ed Development Committee

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This bill appears to be an attempt to simplify the taxation, on the use of natural gas for vehicles. It proposes to allow a flat fee, based on the weight of each vehicle using natural gas, rather than a per gallon or per mile tax.

ORS 317.115, which provided an Alternative Fuel Station Credit, had a sunset date of December 31, 2011.

ORS 307.107 provides all property used for a natural gas pipeline extension, is exempt from property taxation.

HB 2960 in 2011, allows Department of Energy grants or loans for new or retrofit natural gas vehicles.

Linn-Benton Community College has developed a program, including research and course work, to support this technology. The Benton County Sheriff's Department intend to convert 20 of their vehicles to natural gas.

This is not an emerging technology. It is a mature technology, so it doesn't need further support or subsidy.

Personal use vehicles and small commercial vehicles must pay a per gallon tax on gasoline or diesel fuel. Heavy trucks must pay a weight-mile tax based on use within the state.

We support a per gallon or a weight mile tax, to be fair.

We read the bills and follow the money