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House Bill 5181 (Substitute S-3 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Jeff Mayes
House Committee: Agriculture
Senate Committee: Technology and Energy

CONTENT

The bill would create the "Renewable Fuels Commission Act" to establish the Renewable Fuels Commission within the Michigan Department of Agriculture. The proposed Act would be repealed on January 1, 2010.

The Commission would have to investigate and recommend strategies that the Governor and the Legislature could implement to promote the use of alternative fuels and encourage the use of vehicles that used alternative fuels. The Commission also would have to identify mechanisms that promoted alternative fuel research.

Additionally, the Commission would have to identify mechanisms that promoted effective communication and coordination of efforts between the State and local governments, private industry, and institutes of higher education concerning the investigation of, research into, and promotion of alternative fuels.

The Commission could review any State regulation that could hinder the use, research, and development of alternative fuels and vehicles able to use them and recommend changes to the Governor.

Within one year after the bill's effective date, the Commission would have to issue to the Legislature and the Governor a written report on its investigation and recommendations. Follow-up reports would have to be issued at least annually.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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