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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB587

Chairperson: Senator Chris Langemeier

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: March 9, 2011

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 587 creates the Compressed Natural Gas Innovation Fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Environmental Quality to provide compressed natural gas innovation grants for infrastructure investment relating to storage, distribution, or dispensing of compressed natural gas.

The eligible entity shall pay at least 80% of the cost of the project and may apply to the Department for a compressed natural gas innovation grant up to an amount of \$200,000. The Department of Environmental Quality shall not approve more than one grant for a compressed natural gas innovation project in a county during the first five years of the grant program and may only approve projects that will be located within one mile of a portion of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

The Department shall submit a report to the Legislature annually on December 1 describing each compressed natural gas innovation grant made during the preceding calendar year and the project for which such grant was made.

To create the Compressed Natural Gas Innovation Fund, the State Treasurer shall transfer \$500,000 from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund to the Compressed Natural Gas Innovation Fund on July 1 of each year.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist