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HB 336: GASEOUS FUEL VEHICLE CONVERSION PROGRAM

Proponent Testimony

House Finance and Appropriations Committee

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The League of Women Voters supports legislation promoting clean energy in transportation. In the past we supported 129-HB204, which would have awarded a sales tax exemption for purchase of electric vehicles. In the current session of the General Assembly we would support HB335, if it provided incentives for both natural-gas and electric vehicles.

However we would prefer that HB336 be limited to conversions. The range of new vehicles is limited – *The Clean Cities 2013 Vehicle Buyers Guide* lists only three natural gas models. So a new vehicle may not be the best for the job. Since natural gas conversion costs eight to twelve thousand dollars, many more vehicles can be accommodated in the budget. Similarly, conversion technology to electric cars is available. Do-it-yourself kits are advertised for around one thousand dollars. Conversion can be done readily by the state's own mechanics.

Thank you for your attention. I will be happy to answer any questions.