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### **Senate committee approves grant program for biomass projects**

*Deig says grants could help build infrastructure to promote renewable fuels*

INDIANAPOLIS— The Senate Energy and Environmental Affairs committee voted unanimously yesterday to approve House Bill (HB) 1261 sponsored by State Senator Bob Deig (D-Mount Vernon). The proposal would award grants from the agricultural biomass infrastructure grant fund for infrastructure projects, including the purchase of renewable fuel compatible fueling stations or renovations to a fueling station that is not renewable fuel compatible.

Biomass means agriculturally based sources of renewable energy such as agricultural crops, agricultural wastes and residues, wood and wood byproducts, animal wastes, aquatic plants and algae.

“This bill will allow these grants to address the distribution problem of biomass in the state by providing more production and delivery options,” Deig said.

The grants would be awarded to only those infrastructure expenses incurred after December 31, 2008, and is capped at 50 percent of the recipient’s investment or \$100,000.

Sen. Deig said he hopes the bill will assist the people in Indiana who are helping to build the infrastructure for renewable fuel production and development.

HB 1261 will now move to the senate floor for consideration by the full body.

For more information on Sen. Deig, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business call 1-800-382-9467 or visit [www.senatedemocrats.in.gov](http://www.senatedemocrats.in.gov).

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