

Minnesota Session Laws, 2025, 1st Special Session, Chapter 8

Sec. 118. ELECTRICITY AS VEHICLE FUEL WORKING GROUP.

Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "electricity as vehicle fuel" means electrical energy transferred to or stored onboard an electric vehicle primarily to propel the electric vehicle.

Subd. 2. Establishment. The commissioners of transportation, public safety, management and budget, revenue, and commerce must convene an Electricity as Vehicle Fuel Working Group to evaluate, promote, and provide recommendations to facilitate the development and integration of electricity used as vehicle fuel within the state's transportation, energy, commercial, industrial, and residential sectors.

Subd. 3. Membership. (a) The working group consists of the following members:

- (1) two members of the senate, with one appointed by the senate majority leader and one appointed by the senate minority leader;
- (2) two members of the house of representatives, with one appointed by the speaker of the house and one appointed by the Democratic-Farmer-Labor caucus leader in the house of representatives;
- (3) the commissioner of administration;
- (4) the commissioner of commerce;
- (5) the commissioner of management and budget;
- (6) the commissioner of public safety;
- (7) the commissioner of revenue;
- (8) the commissioner of transportation;

- (9) two members appointed by the governor;
 - (10) one member of a federally recognized Tribal government, appointed by the governor;
 - (11) one member appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;
 - (12) one member appointed by the Minnesota Transportation Alliance;
 - (13) one member appointed by the Minnesota Grocers Association;
 - (14) two members appointed by the Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council;
 - (15) one member appointed by the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota;
 - (16) one member appointed by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce;
 - (17) one member appointed by each public utility that owns a nuclear-powered electric generating plant in this state;
 - (18) one member representing an electricity provider for residential, commercial, and industrial customers located outside the seven-county metropolitan area, appointed by the governor;
 - (19) one member appointed by the Minnesota Trucking Association;
 - (20) one member representing convenience stores or fueling stations, appointed by the governor;
 - (21) one member appointed by the Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association;
 - (22) one member appointed by Drive Electric Minnesota;
 - (23) one member appointed by Fresh Energy;
 - (24) one member representing electric vehicle manufacturers, appointed by the governor;
- and
- (25) two members appointed by an association with interest in residential electric charging, including one member who lives in multifamily housing, appointed by the governor.
- (b) At its first meeting, the working group must elect a chair or co-chairs by a majority vote of those members present and may elect a vice chair as necessary. The chair and the vice chair must not be a commissioner or a commissioner's designee.

*Subd. 4. **Appointments.*** (a) The appointing authorities under subdivision 3 must make the appointments by July 31, 2025.

(b) A commissioner under subdivision 3 may appoint a designee who is an employee of the respective agency.

(c) Appointments to the working group are made pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.0597.

*Subd. 5. **Duties.*** At a minimum, the working group must:

(1) provide a comprehensive analysis of electricity used as vehicle fuel infrastructure opportunities and barriers;

(2) develop a roadmap with policy and funding recommendations for sustainable transportation funding mechanisms consistent with the Minnesota Constitution, article XIV, including a plan for the studied mechanisms to replace the electric vehicle surcharges under Minnesota Statutes, section 168.013, subdivisions 1m and 1n; and

(3) research and analyze legislation and policy made in other states to determine equitable and comprehensive fuel assessment methods for electric vehicles.

*Subd. 6. **Meetings.*** (a) The commissioner of transportation must convene the first meeting of the working group no later than September 15, 2025.

(b) The working group must establish a schedule for meetings and meet as necessary to accomplish the duties under subdivision 5.

(c) The working group is subject to the Open Meeting Law under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D.

*Subd. 7. **Administration.*** (a) The Legislative Coordinating Commission must provide administrative support to the working group and must assist in creating the report under

subdivision 8.

(b) Upon request of the working group, a commissioner under subdivision 3 must provide information and technical support.

(c) Members of the working group serve without compensation.

*Subd. 8. **Report required.*** By February 13, 2026, the working group must submit a report to the governor and the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation. At a minimum, the report must:

(1) summarize the activities of the working group; and

(2) provide findings and recommendations adopted by the working group.

*Subd. 9. **Expiration.*** The working group expires June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.