

RENEWABLE FUEL UTILIZATION, EXPANSION, AND LEADERSHIP (RE-FUEL) ACT

Introduced by Congressman Dave Loebsack (IA-02)

What the Re-FUEL Act does

- **Assists fuel retailers** with investments in renewable and alternative fuel infrastructure to give consumers greater choice and promote use of domestic fuel sources to continue our push toward energy independence.
- **Creates a competitive grant program** administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for renewable and alternative energy fueling infrastructure projects.
- **Emphasizes the importance of rural communities** by allowing the Secretary to prioritize projects in rural areas.

Grant eligibility

- Projects must be **capable of dispensing fuel or energy currently not widely available**.
- Projects can be **new infrastructure projects or retrofits** to existing infrastructure and can include infrastructure such as biofuel and hydrogen pumps, tanks, piping, and electric vehicle chargers.
- A minimum **30 percent non-federal match is required** and the maximum grant is \$100,000 per entity per year.
- **Covers infrastructure for renewable or alternative energy**, which includes renewable energy, energy for charging electric vehicles, and hydrogen and fuel cells.

What this bill does NOT do

- **The Re-FUEL act does not add to the federal deficit.** The program is paid for by setting aside 1 percent of offshore oil royalties each fiscal year. This amounted to about \$54.34 million in fiscal year 2013 and \$52.16 million in fiscal year 2012.
- **No other required disbursements from natural resources accounts** such as those for state sharing, reclamation fund, or Land and Water Conservation Fund will be affected.