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To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a study of the feasibility of increasing consumption in the United States of certain ethanol-blended gasoline.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. STUDY OF INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF ETH-**
4 **ANOL-BLENDED GASOLINE WITH HIGHER**
5 **LEVELS OF ETHANOL.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Envi-
7 ronmental Protection Agency, in cooperation with the Sec-
8 retary of Energy, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the

1 Secretary of Transportation, and after providing notice
2 and an opportunity for public comment, shall conduct a
3 study of the feasibility of increasing consumption in the
4 United States of ethanol-blended gasoline with levels of
5 ethanol of not less than 10 percent and not more than
6 40 percent.

7 (b) STUDY.—The study under subsection (a) shall in-
8 clude—

9 (1) a review of production and infrastructure
10 constraints on increasing the consumption of eth-
11 anol;

12 (2) an evaluation of the economic, market, and
13 energy impacts of State and regional differences in
14 ethanol blends;

15 (3) an evaluation of the economic, market, and
16 energy impacts on gasoline retailers and consumers
17 of separate and distinctly-labeled fuel storage facili-
18 ties and dispensers;

19 (4) an evaluation on the environmental impacts
20 of mid-level ethanol blends on evaporative and ex-
21 haust emissions from on-road, off-road and marine
22 engines, recreational boats, vehicles, and equipment;

23 (5) an evaluation of the impacts of mid-level
24 ethanol blends on the operation, durability and per-

1 formance of onroad, off-road, and marine engines,
2 recreational boats, vehicles, and equipment; and

3 (6) an evaluation of the safety impacts of mid-
4 level ethanol blends on consumers that own and op-
5 erate off-road and marine engines, recreational
6 boats, vehicles, or equipment.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
8 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall sub-
9 mit to Congress a report describing the results of the
10 study conducted under this section.

11 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated to the Administrator to
13 carry out the study under this section \$1,000,000.

14 (e) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 211(f)(4) of
15 the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7545(f)(4)) is amended by
16 striking the last sentence and inserting the following:
17 “The Administrator may approve an application to waive
18 a prohibition under paragraph (1) or (3), or the limitation
19 specified in paragraph (2), only after providing for notice
20 and an opportunity for public comment.”.

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