

Coming soon ...

Ethanol

On April 2, 2006, gasoline in Hawaii will be required by State law to contain 10% ethanol. Federal incentives will be available.

Why?

The United States is overly dependent on other countries for oil. Fuel for transportation is essential for our economy. Ethanol is a renewable fuel that can be made domestically, from locally available materials.

Ethanol can reduce Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuels and reduce the impact of oil price increases or potential supply disruptions.

Is this being done anywhere else?

Ethanol is a common component of automotive fuel. It is now used in most states. In at least 21 states, it has been used for over 20 years. Virtually all of the gasoline in some states (Minnesota, New York, Connecticut, and California, for example) contains ethanol.

What will be the effect on gasoline prices?

Ethanol currently costs less per gallon than gasoline. There is also a Federal incentive of 51 cents per gallon of ethanol. Taken together, ethanol can cost significantly less than gasoline. Plus, it has a blending octane of 112 so it raises the octane of the base gasoline.

Since ethanol can be made from many locally available materials, including agricultural products and even yard or wood waste, it can provide energy diversity and energy security, and can help to reduce the impact of oil price increases.

Many studies have shown that the net effect on Hawaii's consumers and economy is projected to be good in the short term and even more important in the long term.

Will using gasoline with ethanol require changes to my car?

No. Ethanol is a common component in today's automotive fuel.

Where can I get more information?

www.new-fuel.com