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## FEDERAL

- The DOT has issued a NOI and request for public comment on regulations for a hydrogen economy. The request is a result of the Ad Hoc Committee on a Regulatory Framework for a Hydrogen Economy. The DOT is looking for comments on coordinating and amending existing hydrogen regulations.

## STATES

### ALASKA

- A bill was prefiled to establish the Alternative Energy Grant Fund. The Fund will be funded by revenue from crude oil produced in the state.
- A bill was prefiled to establish the Hydrogen Energy Partnership and to seek public and private funding for the partnership.

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## STATES (CONT.)

### MAINE

- The legislature introduced a bill that would allow the PUC to set the rebate levels for solar thermal instead of the 25% or \$1,250 cap currently in place.

### OREGON

- The Assembly introduced a bill that will expand residential alternative energy device tax credit to permit increased capacity wind systems and fuel cell systems.
- The Assembly introduced a bill that increases the annual cap on the amount of business energy tax credits that may be claimed for facilities using renewable energy resources. The bill also expands the tax credit to more facilities and modifies the period when the credit may be taken.

### SOUTH CAROLINA

- The Senate introduced a bill (originally reported in December 29, 2006 Newsletter) that would create a \$15 million fund to draw hydrogen technology companies to the state. The South Carolina Hydrogen Infrastructure Development Fund would be available to private companies that work with the universities of South Carolina, Clemson and South Carolina State, as well as the Savannah River National Laboratory. A grant administrator would work with the universities to encourage private businesses to set up hydrogen technology outfits in the state. SB 243 and House Bill 3146

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