76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2827 CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Hass, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits, between October 1 of any year and February 28 of the following year, sale of biodiesel containing additives to prevent congealing or gelling. Declares emergency, effective March 1, 2011.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislation passed in 2010 allowing sale of biodiesel containing additives to prevent fuel gelling
- Need to continue use of additives

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The composition and cold flow properties of diesel fuels can vary. These characteristics are influenced by a number of factors, including the crude oil source and how it's refined and blended. Similarly, the cold flow properties of B20 or higher biodiesel blends can vary based on the feedstock from which they are made. Under current law (ORS 646.922), the sale of biodiesel containing additives to prevent congealing or gelling is permissible only until March 1, 2011. House Bill 2827 would remove the sunset on this provision of law.