76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued	
Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bailey, Bentz, Boone, Krieger, Thompson, Witt, Cannon, Gilliam
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/14, 4/21

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires any wholesale dealer who sells gasoline to sell: gasoline containing 10 percent ethanol by volume; and gasoline not blended with ethanol having an octane rating of 91 or above.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ability of retail sellers of gasoline to obtain non-ethanol blends of gasoline
- Requirements of contracts between gasoline dealers and oil companies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In 2007, House Bill 2210 established a renewable fuel standard for ethanol and other renewable diesel fuels; as a result, retail sellers of gasoline were only permitted to offer gasoline containing 10 percent ethanol. In 2008, Senate Bill 1079 modified the ethanol requirement to exclude retail sales of fuel for use in certain non-road motors, including airplanes, water craft, Class I and Class III off-road vehicles, antique vehicles, racing vehicles, snowmobiles and tools. House Bill 3342 would require wholesaler dealers of gasoline to sell ethanol-blended as well as ethanol-free gasoline.