

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/21, 3/28, 4/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits customers to operate appropriately equipped gas pumps when ordered to evacuate in an emergency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How to provide/dispense fuel in emergencies generally
- Generator drops at gas stations
- Importance of testing integrity of lines and tanks prior to dispensing fuel
- Securing fuel in strategic locations for emergency and aid vehicles only
- Concentrating on areas of greatest anticipated need (where power/water/services not available the longest)

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Replaces the measure. Requires installation of generator drop when facilities that dispense fuel are constructed or renovated.

BACKGROUND: Oregon law prohibits individuals from pumping their own gas. Senate Bill 127 creates an exception to permit retail customers to serve themselves at pumps that are capable of completing the transaction, if they have been ordered to evacuate during a state of emergency.