

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bates, Hansell, Hass, Olsen, Dingfelder
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts diesel fuel sold to facilities that store more than 50 gallons of diesel fuel for emergency power generation from requirement to contain percentage of biodiesel or other diesel with renewable component.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential for stored diesel fuel gelling with blended fuel is greater
- Stored fuel is necessary for emergencies
- Provides flexibility to facilities that are required to store fuel for backup generators in case of an emergency

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Hospitals, long-term care facilities and public safety offices require uninterrupted power. These facilities have backup generators, often powered by diesel fuel. By removing the requirement that the fuel used in backup generators have any biodiesel or renewable component, the fuel would not be as likely to gel and be made unusable if and when it is needed. House Bill 3448 would exempt fuel sold to such facilities from the requirement for a blend of renewable fuel.