

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Without Recommendation As To Passage And Be Referred To Rules.

Meeting Dates: 04/13, 04/20

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Edwards, Olsen, Prozanski, Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that requirement to sell or offer for sale diesel fuel that contains specified percentage of biodiesel or other renewable diesel does not apply to sales in counties east of summit of Cascade Mountains during period from November 1 of any year to February 28 of following year. Allows sale of diesel fuel to which substances have been added to prevent gelling or congealing from October 1 of each year to February 28 of following year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of temperature change on biodiesel
- Different sources and types of diesel fuel

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2007 the Legislature passed House Bill 2210 which required the Department of Agriculture to monitor biodiesel and ethanol production capacity in Oregon and to initiate minimum fuel blending standards statewide for biodiesel and ethanol.

In counties east of the summit of the Cascade Mountains, Senate Bill 164 would exempt fuel from the requirement that fuels contain a certain percentage of biodiesel or other renewable diesel s from November 1 to February 28 each year.