

HB 2458 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies statute governing gas dispensing at a non-retail location allowing self-service between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:00AM. Allows the installation of a self service device for payment and allows retail customer to dispense Class 1 flammable liquids during certain hours.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety issues
- Inclusion of counties on the coast
- Economics of self-serve
- Volume cap instead of population cap

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Oregon is one of two states (with New Jersey) that still require third party to dispense Class 1 liquids, including gasoline, at a retail location. House Bill 2458 allows retail self-service at non-retail (card-lock) locations between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:00AM in rural counties with fewer than 40,000 residents. These counties are Clatsop, Malheur, Union, Wasco, Tillamook Hood River, Curry, Jefferson, Crook, Baker, Morrow, Lake, Grant, Harney, Wallowa, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties. Proponents of the measure indicate that this would provide additional fueling options for travelers who may be without the ability to refuel in a remote location late at night. Currently, a traveler caught under these circumstances would need to call the State Police, who would bring a nominal amount of fuel and phone the operator of the nearest retail fuel location to open the location to provide fuel to the hapless traveler. Class 1 liquids include, but are not limited to liquids such as; gasoline, methanol, acetone, and benzene.