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SUMMARY

Directs Department of Transportation to designate segments of highways as alternative fuel corridors and provide alternative fuel dispensing stations and charging stations to public.

Directs department to submit progress report no later than October 1, 2018.

Sunsets report requirement on January 2, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to alternative fuels for transportation.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) **As used in this section:**

(a) **“Alternative fuel” includes but is not limited to electricity, biofuel, gasohol with at least 20 percent denatured alcohol content, hydrogen, hythane, methane, methanol, natural gas, propane or any other fuel approved by the Director of the State Department of Energy, that produces lower exhaust emissions or is more energy efficient than equivalent equipment fueled by gasoline or diesel.**

(b) **“Alternative fuel corridor” means a segment of highway that has multiple dispensing stations and charging stations for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuel.**

(c) **“Highway” has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.305.**

(d) **“Motor vehicle” has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.360.**

(2) The Department of Transportation shall designate segments of this state as alternative fuel corridors.

(3) Notwithstanding ORS 276.255, within the alternative fuel corri-

1 **dors the department shall provide alternative fuel dispensing stations**
2 **and charging stations for motor vehicles. At a minimum, the dis-**
3 **persing stations shall provide propane, natural gas and hydrogen. The**
4 **charging stations shall provide electricity.**

5 **(4) The department, by order, may establish and adjust the prices**
6 **for alternative fuel. The department shall set the price for alternative**
7 **fuel at a level that does not:**

8 **(a) Subsidize any of the operations of any user; or**

9 **(b) Substantially exceed the total costs to the department of making**
10 **the alternative fuel available.**

11 **(5) The dispensing stations and charging stations provided under**
12 **this section must be as accessible, convenient and reliable for mem-**
13 **bers of the public to use as dispensing stations that provide gasoline**
14 **or diesel for use by motor vehicles.**

15 **(6) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of**
16 **this section.**

17 **SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation shall submit a re-**
18 **port to the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided by ORS**
19 **192.245, no later than October 1, 2018, that describes the department's**
20 **progress toward meeting the requirements described in section 1 of**
21 **this 2017 Act. The report may include recommendations for legislation.**

22 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.**

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