

HB 2482 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows a filling station, service station, garage or other dispensary of Class 1 flammable liquids to allow self-dispensing 24 hours per day in counties with a certified population of less than 40,000 residents.

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:

-3 Replaces original measure. Defines the area of Eastern Oregon that would allow 24 hour per day self dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids. Requires a dispensary that includes retail space providing goods and services to provide an employee to dispense Class 1 flammable liquids between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Allows a dispensary of Class 1 flammable liquids in Clatsop, Curry or Tillamook County to offer self-service fueling between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon is one of two states (with New Jersey) that require a third party to dispense gasoline and other Class 1 liquids at retail locations. House Bill 2482 allows self-service at retail locations 24 hours per day in rural counties with fewer than 40,000 certified residents, which includes Clatsop, Malheur, Union, Wasco, Tillamook Hood River, Curry, Jefferson, Crook, Baker, Morrow, Lake, Grant, Harney, Wallowa, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler counties. Because these counties are sparsely populated, proponents of the measure assert that it is impractical to staff a retail facility for fueling 24 hours per day. This could create a situation in which a traveler 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. House Bill 3011 (2015) authorized self-service between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:00AM.