

HB 3338 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules governing implementation and enforcement of requirement that gas station owner or operator post information on federal, state and local taxes per gallon of gasoline.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Regulations requiring gas stations to post tax information
- Oregon Department of Agriculture's Weights and Measures division regulates other fueling station postings
- Enforcement capacity of Weights and Measures vs. Department of Justice

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies that enforcement of tax information at gas stations to be regulated through Oregon Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures division and links statute to other fueling station regulatory authority under Weights and Measures.

BACKGROUND:

Gas station owners and operators are currently required to post the amount of federal, state and local tax per gallon in a manner visible to customers. The Oregon Department of Transportation is required to furnish tax information to gas station owners and operators for this purpose.

House Bill 3338 would direct the Oregon Department of Agriculture to adopt rules for implementation and enforcement of the posting of tax information at gas stations.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture currently adopts and enforces some rules for fueling stations, including rules for displaying declarations of blended fuels such as gasoline blended with ethanol or other substances.