

SB 19 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates descriptions and allowed quantities of oxygenates in gasoline for sale at wholesale or retail in Oregon. Removes butanol from list of oxygenates not allowed in gasoline. Authorizes Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) to adopt rules requiring retail and non-retail gasoline dealers to display specified information on fuel dispensing devices. Authorizes ODA to adopt rules and take other actions necessary to implement measure prior to operative date of January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

Senate Vote: 30-0

REVENUE: Has minimal revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Simplifies statutory list of substances that cannot be blending into gasoline
- Outreach conducted to evaluate elimination of butanols blending prohibition
- Update motor fuel quality and fuel dispenser labeling requirements

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oxygenates are added to motor vehicle fuel to make the fuel burn more cleanly and reduce tailpipe emissions.

Senate Bill 19A would update the descriptions and allowed quantities of oxygenates in gasoline sold in Oregon.