

SB 19 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date: 03/29/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Baertschiger Jr, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Potential use of butanol in watercraft
- Changes to clarify statutory language

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Removes butanol from list of oxygenates not allowed in gasoline.

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.