

SB 176 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs service stations with attendants in specified counties to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities. Requires conspicuous notice for consumers how to request equal access and provision of same upon request without additional charge.

Revenue: No revenue impact.

Fiscal: May have fiscal impact, but not statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Best practices for alerting attendants when in need of assistance
- Equal access for service stations

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies notification to persons with disabilities in need of refueling assistance by including that persons may request assistance by contacting dispensary owner, operator or employee at telephone number provided or signaling to dispensary owner, operator or employee in any other manner described.

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BACKGROUND:

The Americans with Disabilities Act requires self-serve gas stations to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities by providing refueling assistance upon request without additional charge and by providing notice (such as signs) to consumers indicating how to obtain assistance. Oregon prohibited self-service at retail fueling stations until 2015, when House Bill 3011 was passed, allowing consumers to serve themselves between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. in counties with populations less than 40,000 residents. In 2017, House Bill 2482 passed, allowing self-service 24 hours per day in these counties and requiring gas stations that also sold goods and services to provide an attendant to dispense fuel between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Senate Bill 176 directs service stations with attendants in specified counties to provide equal access to individuals with disabilities without additional charge and requires conspicuous notice for consumers regarding same.