

## SB 176 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Senate Committee On Human Services

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**Action Date:** 02/28/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. Refer to Environment and Natural Resources by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng).

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Gelser, Heard, Knopp, Monnes Anderson

**Exc:** 1 - Fagan

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 1/24, 2/28

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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 that consumers may request assistance by contacting dispensary owner, operator or employee at telephone number provided and signaling to dispensary owner, operator or employee in any other manner described. Requires provision of refueling assistance upon request and without additional charge.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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 and signaling to dispensary owner, operator or employee in any other manner described.

#### 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 A 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.