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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB4151

Co-Chairs Beyer and McClain and members of the Committee:

I oppose this bill for several reasons and/or it needs some major amendments to address deficiencies.

First of all, there is the matter of public safety. If people don't know how to fill their gas and there is no dedicated help available, there will be an inevitable slow down in service unless vendors are directed to have one person on hand to help self-fill customers.

Second, I am not sure if the committee members are familiar with some of the newer cars that have "cap less" gas ports? I just experienced this myself with a recent car rental. These cap less gas ports are tricky to fill without assistance and require an almost constant attention to the handle. If you are a newcomer to this technology, it will present a problem to some customers.

Third, with our current Oregon law, a person inside a car is much safer than if you were outside the car. My friend lost his life in a freak accident outside the car at a gas station filling his tank in Idaho. He would not have lost his life had he been in Oregon.

Fourth, gas attendants are trained to remove the pump when it clicks off. Self-fillers are not trained to do this and it may result in fuel spills which is a danger to everyone and the environment.

Fifth, if there is no specific requirements for vendors to maintain a certain number of fuel bays to remain open with attendants, you know what is going to happen, there will be a long line for the one attendant served line and force people into the self-serve lines.

I urge you to investigate these issues and draft amendments to address these deficiencies or to defeat the bill as written.

Sincerely yours,

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