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I first moved to Oregon in 1997 and found out that I could no longer pump gas into my vehicle. I had lived in many other states by this time in my life and had pumped my own gas countless times. Fast forward 25 years later, and I find myself still going to other states/countries and pumping my own gas. I have yet to understand fully why I can cross the border and find myself in a state where I am no longer capable of performing this simple task. There is nothing inherently different with the gas pumps in Oregon. Yet when the temperatures or smoke were excessive, we were told it was okay for us to pump our own gas.

There are many gas stations I have gone to over the past couple of years where there are extremely long lines because a number of pumps are not in use. The explanation for this is that there are not enough employees to open the additional pumps.