

To the Oregon Legislature Transportation Committee Opposing HB 4151

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I, and many Oregonians, have voted down self-serve every time it is on the ballot for a number of reasons:

1. It's more expensive. Both California and Washington have higher prices than Oregon. For example, we drove to Olympia, Washington, last week and had the misfortune to need gas on the drive home. We paid \$4.09 per gallon for the privilege of getting smelly. When we arrived home the same day the price at the Shell dealer on Market Street was \$3.74. There is certainly discernible economic negatives, at least for drivers. Which leads to point 2.
2. This will put more money in the pockets of the oil companies.
3. It displaces workers. Period.
4. For a comparison of time spent in line, as I drive around Salem there are no lines. Costco has the longest wait time of about 10 minutes but there is no wait time at any other station in Salem and I challenge someone to find a wait time in excess of 10 minutes.
5. And then there's the "assistant" language. Do not be fooled by the language of having "assistants" available for those who need it, or who want help in the driving rain or freezing cold. Now those are excessive wait times.....I'd call them non-existent. I believe both Washington and California have the same language. Most stations, even the huge Costco in Burbank, have one "assistant" who is either running the mini-mart or trying to direct traffic in and out of the station. How does this help folks unable to easily pump their own? A broken ankle or other temporary hinderance, or older folks who can drive but have difficulty walking.

Oregonians like to have their gas pumped by an experienced helper. Please pump HB 4151 into the trash.

As I've been told for years, if it ain't broke don't fix it.

Respectfully,

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