

HB 2289 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Updates statutory references to applicable federal regulations related to the required percentage of ethanol in gasoline sold or offered for sale in Oregon.

FIS: measure has no fiscal impact

RIS: measure has no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Technical change to align statute with federal code

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

All gasoline sold in Oregon is required to be blended with 10 percent ethanol (referred to as "E10"). Exceptions exist for premium gasoline (with an octane rating of 81 or above), and for gasoline sold for certain nonroad uses, such as aviation gasoline, or gasoline used in antique vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, power tools, and watercraft.

The statutes governing Oregon's ethanol blending requirement cite federal regulations promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. House Bill 2289 amends Oregon statute to align with changes instituted in 2020 to the federal Clean Air Act provisions related to fuel volatility.