

HB 3260 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes self-service dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids at retail dispensaries in rural Oregon, as defined as a geographic area in Oregon that is 20 or more miles from the geographic center of a city that has a population of more than 150,000 people. Does not require an owner, operator or employee be present at the time of dispensing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces Measure. Allows self-serve dispensing of Class 1 flammable liquids, regardless of whether an owner, operator or employee of the dispensary is present, if the dispensary is located within Marion County; the dispensary was directly impacted by the 2020 wildfires; and is located at least 15 driving miles from another city with a retail dispensary. Sunsets January 2, 2029. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon is one of two states, including New Jersey, that restricts self-service dispensing of gasoline at retail fueling stations. House Bill 3011 (2015) authorized fueling stations in counties with populations less than 40,000 residents to permit non-employees to dispense fuels into motor vehicles or other containers between the hours of 6:00 PM and 6:00 AM. Two years later, House Bill 2482 (2017) eliminated the time-of-day restrictions and limited the applicability only to small counties in eastern Oregon.

House Bill 2426 allows self-serve dispensing of gasoline in areas that are 20 or more miles from a geographic center of a city that has a population of more than 150,000 people, regardless of whether an owner, operator or employee of the dispensary is present.