

HB 3260 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Thatcher

Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal and World Affairs

Action Date: 05/04/23
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 3-0-2-1
Yeas: 3 - Manning Jr, President Wagner, Woods
Exc: 2 - Gorsek, Thatcher
Abs: 1 - Linthicum
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/2, 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Permits customers of certain retail dispensaries to dispense fuel into motor vehicle tanks or other retail containers with or without the presence of an owner, operator, or employee of a filling station, service station, garage or other dispensary where Class 1 flammable liquids are dispensed. The dispensary must be located within a city of Marion County directly impacted by the 2020 wildfires, and retail dispensaries must be at least 15 miles from each other as determined by the shortest distance via public roads between two dispensaries. Sunsets on January 2, 2029. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- The legislative measure's impact on Detroit, Oregon located within a community devastated by the 2020 wildfires
- Safety and convenience of gas station for travelers and community residents
- Provisions of House Bill 2482 (2017) and House Bill 2426 (2023)

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

September of 2020, the Santiam "Labor Day" wildfires seriously compromised the landscape and capacities of certain towns and communities in Oregon. The wildfire's impact in Marion County stretched across multiple cities, including Gates, Detroit and Idanha, Oregon.

Oregon is one of two states in the nation that restricts the self-dispensary of gasoline and other Class 1 flammable liquids at retail locations. Class 1 liquids include, and are not limited to, liquids such as gasoline, methanol, acetone and benzene. Via House Bill 3011 (2015), the Legislative Assembly authorized self-service of these liquids at retail facilities in low-population counties between the hours of 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM. House Bill 2482 (2017) permitted self-service at retail fuel dispensaries 24 hours per day in rural counties with fewer than 40,000 residents in eastern Oregon; it required retail dispensaries selling goods and services at the same location to provide an employee to dispense fuel between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

House Bill 3260 A allows customers to pump fuel into vehicles with or without a fuel dispensary owner, operator, or employee at certain fuel dispensaries impacted by the 2020 wildfires in Marion County. Retail dispensaries must be at least 15 miles apart as determined by the shortest distance via public roads. It establishes a sunset date of January 2, 2029.