

To: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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From: Barry O'Mahony (Bend, OR)

Subject: House Bill 2426

This is just a brief follow-up to testimony I submitted the May 2 public hearing. Senator Golden stated during the session that he heard from some constituents a concern that if HB 2426 passes, there would be competitive and business pressures to decrease the availability of attendants such that they would not really exist at the mandated 50% level; in other words, a "slippery slope" concern. My response is, if this is a possibility, why has it not happened already in those counties east of the Cascades where the requirement for full-service at every pump was largely eliminated 6 years ago? The example that most comes to mind to me is Madras, since I stop there regularly. As far as I know, every retail gas station there offers full-service at most (or all) of their pumps, even though they are not legally required to. But customers want it and station owners respond accordingly. It's the same situation in Prineville, Burns, etc., and other towns in the counties where the full-service ceased to be required in 2017.

Sincerely,
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