

HB 2482 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows a filling station, service station, garage or other dispensary of Class 1 flammable liquids to allow self-dispensing 24 hours per day in counties with a certified population of less than 40,000 residents.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety issues
- Inclusion of counties on the coast
- Economics of self-serve
- Volume cap instead of population cap

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

Oregon is one of two states (with New Jersey) that require third party to dispense gasoline and other Class 1 liquids at a retail location. House Bill 2482 allows self-service at retail locations 24 hours per day in rural counties with fewer than 40,000 certified residents. These counties are Clatsop, Malheur, Union, Wasco, Tillamook Hood River, Curry, Jefferson, Crook, Baker, Morrow, Lake, Grant, Harney, Wallowa, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler Counties. These counties are sparsely populated and it would be impractical and noneconomic to staff a retail fuel 24 hours per day. This could create a situation in which a traveler may be without the ability to refuel in a remote location late at night. Currently, a traveler caught under these circumstances would need to call the State Police, who would bring a nominal amount of fuel and phone the operator of the nearest retail fuel location to open the location to provide fuel to the hapless traveler. Class 1 liquids include, but are not limited to liquids such as; gasoline, methanol, acetone, and benzene. HB 3011 (2015) originally allowed for self-service between the hours of 6:00PM and 6:00AM.