

HB 2331 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

Carrier: Rep. Bentz

Action Date: 03/08/17
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 8-0-1-0
Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Bentz, Boone, Helm, Holvey, Power, Reschke, Smith DB
Exc: 1 - Johnson
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Extends authorization to allow Department of Administrative Services to sell, dispense and distribute compressed natural gas to private entities until January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Closes infrastructure gap in available compressed natural gas (CNG)
- Two closest CNG stations are located in Springfield, Oregon and Lakewood, Washington
- Advantages of using CNG to fuel vehicles

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2010 the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1019 which responded to a lack of options available to fuel vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) by authorizing the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to sell, dispense and distribute CNG to private entities. This authorization was originally intended to sunset January 2, 2014. In 2013, the Legislature extended the authorization to January 2, 2018 with the passage of Senate Bill 536.

House Bill 2331 would extend the authorization to allow DAS to sell, dispense and distribute CNG to private entities until January 2, 2025.