

HB 2331 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date: 05/03/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Baertschiger Jr, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski
Exc: 1 - Roblan
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of authorization for Department of Administrative Services to sell compressed natural gas to private entities
- Lack of commercial fueling infrastructure in I-5 corridor
- Consistent, but relatively low use

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The 2010 Legislative Assembly enacted Senate Bill 1019 in response to a lack of options available to fuel vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG). The measure authorized the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to sell, dispense and distribute CNG to private entities. This authorization was originally set to sunset on January 2, 2014. In 2013, the Legislative Assembly extended the authorization to January 2, 2018 with the passage of Senate Bill 536.

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