

Senate Bill 988

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

SUMMARY

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Directs Department of Transportation to designate segments of highways as alternative fuel corridors and provide alternative fuel dispensing stations and charging stations to public.

Directs department to submit progress report no later than October 1, 2018.

Sunsets report requirement on January 2, 2019.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to alternative fuels for transportation.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) "Alternative fuel" includes but is not limited to electricity, biofuel, gasohol with at
6 least 20 percent denatured alcohol content, hydrogen, hythane, methane, methanol, natural
7 gas, propane or any other fuel approved by the Director of the State Department of Energy,
8 that produces lower exhaust emissions or is more energy efficient than equivalent equipment
9 fueled by gasoline or diesel.

10 (b) "Alternative fuel corridor" means a segment of highway that has multiple dispensing
11 stations and charging stations for motor vehicles powered by alternative fuel.

12 (c) "Highway" has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.305.

13 (d) "Motor vehicle" has the meaning given that term in ORS 801.360.

14 (2) The Department of Transportation shall designate segments of this state as alterna-
15 tive fuel corridors.

16 (3) Notwithstanding ORS 276.255, within the alternative fuel corridors the department
17 shall provide alternative fuel dispensing stations and charging stations for motor vehicles.
18 At a minimum, the dispensing stations shall provide propane, natural gas and hydrogen. The
19 charging stations shall provide electricity.

20 (4) The department, by order, may establish and adjust the prices for alternative fuel.
21 The department shall set the price for alternative fuel at a level that does not:

22 (a) Subsidize any of the operations of any user; or

23 (b) Substantially exceed the total costs to the department of making the alternative fuel
24 available.

25 (5) The dispensing stations and charging stations provided under this section must be as
26 accessible, convenient and reliable for members of the public to use as dispensing stations
27 that provide gasoline or diesel for use by motor vehicles.

28 (6) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

29 **SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation shall submit a report to the Legislative
30 Assembly, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, no later than October 1, 2018, that de-**

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1 scribes the department's progress toward meeting the requirements described in section 1
2 of this 2017 Act. The report may include recommendations for legislation.

3 **SECTION 3.** Section 2 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.

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