

HB 3051 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Beyer

Joint Committee On Transportation

Action Date: 05/27/21

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.

Senate Vote

Yeas: 3 - Beyer, Gorsek, President Courtney

Nays: 2 - Boquist, Findley

Exc: 1 - Frederick

House Vote

Yeas: 4 - Evans, McLain, Nathanson, Power

Nays: 3 - Boshart Davis, Lewis, Noble

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/18, 5/25, 5/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits sale of gasoline at wholesale or retail dealer unless it contains at least 10 percent denatured fuel ethanol by volume or at least 9.2 percent anhydrous ethanol by volume.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effect of committee amendment
- Ethanol blending in gasoline

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

All gasoline sold in Oregon is required to be blended with 10 percent ethanol (referred to as "E10"). Exceptions exist for premium gasoline (with an octane rating of 81 or above), and for gasoline sold for certain nonroad uses, such as aviation gasoline, or gasoline used in antique vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, power tools, and watercraft.

Under current law, Oregon requires that gasoline sold for use in motor vehicles contain 10 percent ethanol or, in the case of anhydrous ethanol, contain it in concentrations of no less than 9.2 percent and no more than 10 percent. House Bill 3051 A sets 10 percent as a floor, allowing for sale of fuel with concentrations above 10 percent.