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I've lived in Dallas, Oregon since December 2013 and have never had ANY problems pumping my own gas when visiting other states. We live in a State that will let you pump gasoline ONLY if you live in a selected rural county that has lower population, or if you ride a motorcycle, or you're a member of one of those fleet service stations (Pacific Pride comes to mind). As for the rest of the public, you're treated like criminal if you even touch the filler handle!

I understand not everyone wants Self-Service Gas and I respect that! But it's unfair to tell people who have filled their gasoline power vehicles all their lives in other states "NO!"

PLEASE, Give people a CHOICE!

I support having service stations with 2 or more islands to have one designated as "MINI-SERVE" (the current Oregon model), and the other, "SELF-SERVE." That way NOBODY is disenfranchised! It's a "WIN-WIN" for EVERYONE!

I can't tell you how many times I'll drive up to an Oregon Service Station only to find 1 attendant working 12 gas pumps at 4 service islands by himself! Because of an outdated law, people have to wait in line till the car ahead is serviced by that 1 attendant. If people were allowed to fill their own vehicles, the lines of vehicles would be eliminated! Again, this would be a "WIN-WIN" for ALL Parties!

I know many people that I've spoken to are concerned that the addition of "Self-Serve" Gas in Oregon could possibility eliminate jobs. However, I believe the opposite would happen and Oregon would GAIN more jobs with HB 4151!

By Service Stations adding "Self-Service" islands, people who pay by cash at the "Self-Service" will have to see an attendant up in their office.

Service station companies like Chevron for example, in other states have Food Markets or "Food Marts" available for customers to buy hot or cold beverages, snacks, or other various items. This could inspire gas companies in Oregon to expand their current attendant offices to include a larger "Food Mart" building which would require more employees to operate. The result would again be a "WIN-WIN" as many other Self-Serve Service Stations have adapted this model in other states and it has been very successful! Where you currently have 2 attendants, with HB 4151 you could effectively add 2 or more employees if companies expand their stations by including "Food Mart" stores!

But my main message to Oregonians is that you will STILL have the option to have an attendant fill your car! HB 4151 gives Oregonians a MUCH needed choice! Our current laws are outdated and we need HB 4151 to keep the "Mini-Serve" and to also offer "Self-Serve!"

Please, Let ALL Oregonians HAVE the option of choosing whether to have Mini-Serve or Self-Serve!

Thank you.
Respectfully,

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