

VOTE YES ON HB 2426



**Oregonians for
Choice at the
Pump**

Oregonians want the choice to pump their own gas or receive service from a gas station attendant.

House Bill 2426 would allow gas stations statewide to offer drivers this choice. As businesses across the state struggle to achieve full employment, this modified approach strikes a balance between the needs of consumers, businesses, and employees.



Currently Allow Self-Service Gas

Because attended service would still be an option – for most counties that currently ban self-service fueling, at least 50% of the pumps would be designated for attended service only – access would be ensured for elderly or disabled customers and for anyone who simply prefers to have an attendant do it. Importantly, it would not reduce existing jobs.

MAJORITY OF OREGONIANS SUPPORT SELF-SERVICE OPTION

A poll conducted in January 2021 by the Oregon Values and Beliefs Center, a project of DHM Research, found a majority of Oregonians prefer having the choice to pump their own gas. DHM surveyed 603 adults representative of the state's demographics. **Nearly two-thirds of Oregonians (63%) are in favor of allowing Oregonians to pump their own gas rather than relying on attendant.** Majority support existed across all age groups, political parties, and regions of the state.

Another poll, conducted by The Nelson Report in October 2021, surveyed 500 registered voters to test support for giving Oregonians the choice to pump their own gas or use an attended option. **The poll found this proposal, which is mirrored by HB 2426, is strongly favored by voters – with over 68% support.**

DRIVERS HAVE SAFELY PUMPED OWN GAS IN OVER HALF OF OREGON COUNTIES SINCE 2015

In 2015, legislators provided relief for fuel retailers and drivers by voting to allow self-serve gas during nighttime hours in rural and coastal counties. In 2017, legislators expanded this to all hours in rural counties. In 2020, 2021 and 2022, Oregon's fire marshal lifted the ban on self-service multiple times statewide due to emergencies such as wildfires or heat waves. **HB 2426 will simplify this patchwork of rules for all Oregonians.**

"It shouldn't take climate emergencies to trigger a common-sense change that 48 other states in the country adopted long ago. ... The ban is both ridiculous as well as ridiculously easy to change."

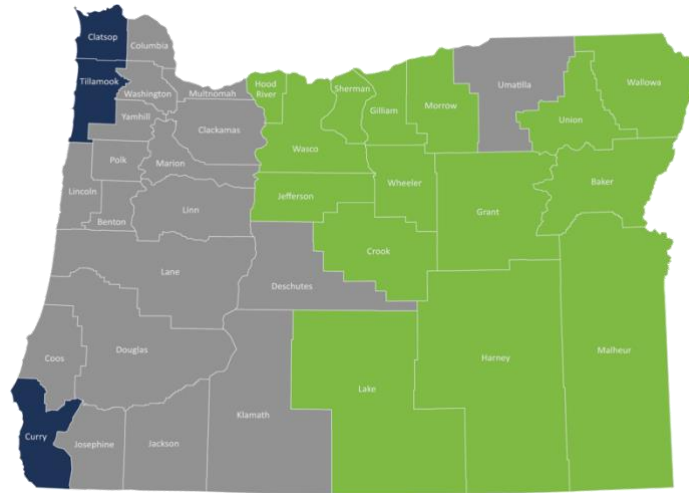
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SELF-SERVICE GAS IN OREGON TODAY:



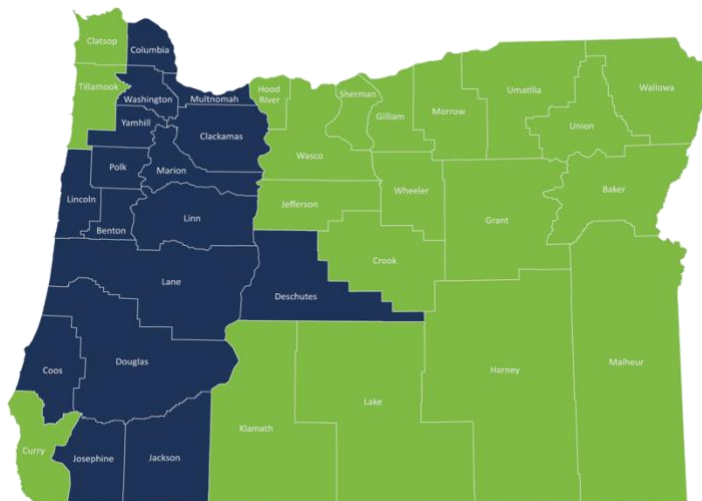
Clatsop, Curry & Tillamook Counties:

1. Self-service is allowed at retail stations between 6pm and 6am.
2. If the retail station has another business that is open for business, like a convenience store on the property, the station must provide a person to pump the gasoline if requested by the customer.

Eastern Oregon counties, except Deschutes, Klamath & Umatilla Counties:

1. Self-service is allowed at retail and card-lock stations at all hours of the day and night.
2. If the station has another business that is open for business, like a convenience store on the property, the station must provide a person to pump the gasoline if requested by the customer between the hours of 6am and 6pm only.

SELF-SERVICE GAS UNDER HB 2426:



In the following counties, self-service fueling would be allowed at 50% of the station's pumps during hours the business is open: **Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Washington, Yamhill.**

In the following counties, self-service would be allowed at retail and card-lock stations at all hours: **Baker, Clatsop, Coos, Crook, Curry, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, Wheeler.**