

**BEFORE OREGON HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, GENERAL GOVERNMENT,
AND VETERANS - HB 2949**



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**Chair Representative Thuy Tran
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Members of the Committee**

HB 2949: Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality shall contract with a third party to study and assess financial assurance requirements for owners or operators of bulk oils and liquid fuels terminals.

Total Support.

As this involves infrastructure security, the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency can respond to this effort, with many services free of charge. This Agency encompasses the Energy Sector. Idaho National Lab (INL) is currently conducting a similar fuel security study of Washington State infrastructure under CISA management.

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DHS CISA is conducting a Regional Resilience Assessment Program (RRAP) investigating fuels infrastructure, finding a stark future confronting Washington State – and no fuel for Oregon

- [Washington RRAP Programs](#)
- [Washington Fuels RRAP Kickoff, January 2023](#)
- Region 8 Washington Fuels RRAP VTC, June 27 2023, no update since then
[Region 8 will only open from [this page](#): MP4 syntax is
“Region 8-Washington State_Last Mile_Fuels RRAP-20231912”
This 1-hr video is relevatory for Oregon’s future

Please see next page for VTC audio statements and minutes

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Region 8 Fuels RRAP VTC – Eastern Washington, June 27, 2023

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Discloses fact-finding highly pertinent to Oregon’s fuel future
Some county fuel wholesalers identified, some w/o emergency contracts.
Idaho Fuels RRAP complete
Idaho National Lab compiling logistic schematics, Fuels dashboard (MSExcel)
Offloading possible at F-POD locations - tanker direct to commercial vehicle
Future workshop: Emergency Fuel Planning, 2 Days (perhaps held by now)
@ 58 min: WA BP shipping diesel to CA; SLC petroleum reserve proposed
@ 1 hr: Fuel pump override needed, to take payment w/o power, w/o internet
@ 1 hr, 4 min: US DOE – EPA discuss 2nd Olympic pipeline (no action)
@ 1 hr, 6 min: **PDX CEI expected to collapse, similar impacts in Puget Sound**
@ 1 hr, 7 min: Fuel Planning Toolkit / template available
@ 1 hr, 8 min: Strawman Key Findings to be reported in Jan 2024
(not published so far)

No mention of Oregon fuel relief in Region 8 discussions

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Many of Washington's owners and operators of bulk oils and liquid fuels terminals appear on the list of Oregon's CEI Hub operators reporting to DEQ under the 2022 SB 1567 Seismic Vulnerability Assessment.

The goal of this testimony is to expedite the initiation of this critical effort with the least possible delay by offering recognition of a similar study investigating similar infrastructure. The Fuels RRAP study will disclose typical infrastructure hazards that merit indemnification.

This Bill does not declare an emergency for its enactment but must, since the routine 90-day suspense contradicts the urgency for early action.

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