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Rep. Bentz Self-Service Bill Becomes Law

SALEM—House Bill 3011, brought by Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), has passed the House, Senate, and was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown yesterday. The bill allows Oregonians to “self-serve” gasoline at rural gas stations between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Rep. Bentz said: “This is a good day for those who find themselves low on gas in remote parts of Oregon late at night. No longer will they have to wait until the next day for a station to open. Instead, they will be able to serve themselves at those gas stations which choose to install self-serve pumps.”

The bill addresses the all too common occurrence in Eastern Oregon, where hundreds of miles can separate gas stations, many of which do not stay open 24-hours per day. Travelers driving across the vast spaces of Eastern Oregon who are unfamiliar with long distances between stations and the fact that gas is not available 24/7 in many of Eastern Oregon’s small towns, can become stranded, having to wait until a station opens in the morning.

“Gas station owners, and sometimes ranchers and farmers, are awakened by stranded travelers pounding on their doors in the middle of the night to come out and pump gas,” said Rep. Bentz.

The bill applies to only those counties with a population of less than 40,000 people.

Paul Romain, Executive Director of the Oregon Fuels Association, said: “The Oregon Fuels Association commends Representative Bentz for his leadership in making sure that fuel is available to motorists in the rural parts of our state at all hours. House Bill 3011 goes a long way to ensure that people who need gasoline at night will have adequate access to fueling stations.”

House Bill 3011 was signed into law by the Governor on June 23rd.

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