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Vote Explanation: HB 2426A

When passed, HB 2426A will allow Oregonians to pump their own gas. I am generally supportive of this option for a variety of reasons. However, I cast a “No” vote due to concerns that the measure does not include sufficient protections to ensure elderly and disabled Oregonians will be able to access an attendant as necessary. While the measure allows for enforcement, such enforcement would be difficult for a motorist without a phone or for whom a fire marshal is far away. This could result in a substantial delay in accessing fuel to continue the journey.

My hope is that this will not be an issue, but I did cast a NO vote in order to flag this issue and call attention to the importance of ensuring access to refueling for those who are not able to pump their own gasoline.

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