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## Bill Allowing Oregonians to Pump Their Own Gas Passes Oregon Senate

House Bill 2426 gives drivers statewide the choice to pump their own gas, but at least 50% of the pumps must still offer attended service for elderly, disabled, or preference-driven customers

**SALEM, Ore** - Today the Oregon Senate passed <u>House Bill 2426</u> with overwhelming bipartisan support. The new law gives Oregon drivers the choice to pump their own gas or receive service from a gas station attendant. Under the new law, at least 50% of the pumps must still offer attended service for elderly, disabled, or preference-driven customers.

"This bill strikes a balance between consumer preferences, business needs, and employment considerations," said **Chief Sponsor of the bill Senator Janeen Sollman (D - Hillsboro)**. "It provides Oregonians choice at the pump, while still protecting access for the elderly and disabled community members."

In 2015, legislators allowed self-serve gas during nighttime hours in rural and coastal counties to help fuel retailers and drivers. In 2017, they extended this allowance to all hours in rural counties. Additionally, in 2020, 2021, and 2022, Oregon's fire marshal temporarily lifted the self-service ban statewide during emergencies like wildfires and heatwaves.

HB 2426 aims to simplify the existing patchwork rules regarding self-service gas for all Oregonians, while protecting jobs and maintaining attendant services for Oregonians who want them.

HB 2426 is one of the hundreds of bills that Senate Democrats rescued by negotiating an end to the Senate Republican walkout. Thanks to Senate Democrats showing up, doing their jobs, and delivering results for the people of Oregon, HB 2426 now moves to the Governor's desk for consideration.