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To: Energy and Environment Committee
Re: Support HB 3103
Date: May 8, 2013

Willamette Riverkeeper supports HB 3103 which extends oil spill contingency planning standards – including rapid response, training, spill drills – it extends those requirements to operations where oil is transferred from a land based facility to a ship. Current laws regulate only oil transfers from ship to shore.

When this law was originally enacted in 1991, the State had not envisioned exporting petroleum or liquid natural gas. Energy markets have changed. We are aware of a new facility that has started exporting crude oil on the Columbia River.

Prior to any further expansion in petroleum export facilities, we believe it is important to apply the same regulations to both importers and exporters equally. The risk does not change based on direction of the flow.

The bill provides reasonable exclusion for smaller fueling operations.

Thank you for your consideration and encourage your support of this bill.

Sincerely,



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Willamette Riverkeeper