

House Joint Memorial 201

Sponsored by Representative SMITH WARNER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to enhance safety standards for new and existing tank rail cars used to transport crude oil and other flammable liquids.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the number of freight trains carrying crude oil through Oregon has increased and will continue to increase; and

Whereas accidents involving crude oil rail tanks pose significant risks to communities, families and businesses located near rail lines, as well as overall public health; and

Whereas the safety and preservation of Oregon communities and natural areas is crucial to the economic stability and health of the State of Oregon; and

Whereas tanks carrying crude oil by rail should meet the highest safety standards and utilize the best technology to minimize the impact of accidents; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to toughen existing standards for new tank rail cars and require that the approximately 92,000 existing tank rail cars used to transport flammable liquids, including crude oil, be retrofitted with advanced safety-enhancing technologies or, if not upgraded, phased out of service.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.