

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Energy and Environment

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Beth Patrino, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines terms. Directs Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules applying certain oil spill prevention and emergency response planning requirements to railroads that own or operate high hazard train routes in this state. Adds railroad cars to definition of “facility” for purposes of liability for oil spillage under oil or hazardous material spillage statutes. Defines “high hazard train,” “high hazard train route” and “listed sensitive area” for purposes of contingency plans. Expands definition of “navigable waters” for purposes of applicability of oil or hazardous material spillage statutes to include inland watersheds and drinking water intakes that intersect with high hazard train routes. For biennium beginning July 1, 2015, authorizes one-time total assessment proportioned among certain railroads. Transfers moneys to Oil Spill Prevention Fund and State Fire Marshal Fund for purposes of certain activities related to high hazard trains. Becomes operative January 1, 2016. Establishes annual assessment proportioned among certain railroads. Transfers moneys to Oil Spill Prevention Fund for purposes of certain activities related to high hazard trains. Becomes operative July 1, 2017. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:****BACKGROUND:**