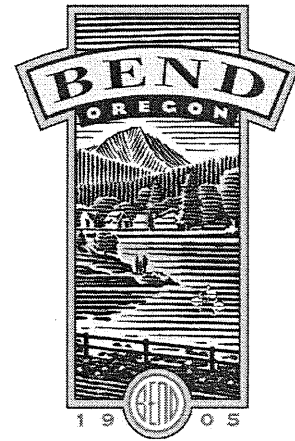


April 10, 2015

House Committee on Energy and the Environment
Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, Oregon 97301



RE: City of Bend SUPPORT for HB 3225

Dear Chair Vega Pederson and Committee Members:

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The City of Bend Fire Department is supportive of the intent and purpose of House Bill 3225 with the following comments:

Section 2 in its entirety makes no mention of fire and life safety hazard. A chief concern of the fire service is the danger of fire and risks to life safety, as well as environmental hazards.

JIM CLINTON
Mayor

Section 2(a) notes that "oil spills present a serious danger to the fragile natural environment of the state." We are also very concerned with oil spills damaging underground aquifers and, therefore, with the potential for damage to community water supplies.

SALLY RUSSELL
Mayor Pro Tem

VICTOR CHUDOWSKY
City Councilor

Section 7(3)(a) mandates that railroads offer training to local fire departments every three years. Because of recruitment cycles and hiring considerations, we would recommend that this be changed to annual training.

DOUG KNIGHT
City Councilor

NATHAN BODDIE
City Councilor

Section 7(3)(c)(A): We would like to see the means of notification expanded to include electronic communications such as iPad or teleconference.

CASEY ROATS
City Councilor

BARB CAMPBELL
City Councilor

Thank you for your consideration of these items and for your attention to this important issue. We would be more than happy to answer questions.

ERIC KING
City Manager

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Langston", is written over a horizontal line.

Larry Langston
Bend Fire Chief