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Oregon Hazardous Material by Rail

HB 3225A Response to Increased Risk of HAZMAT Rail Incident

Problem:

Trains carrying crude oil and other hazardous materials move throughout Oregon on railroads owned by Burlington Northern & Santa Fe (BNSF), Portland & Western (PNWR), and Union Pacific (UP). Trains traverse broad swaths of the state, including:

- 15 Oregon Counties
- 35 House Districts
- 80 Fire Districts
- 10 of the 13 State Hazardous Material Response Team Regions (RHMRT)

The Oregon State Fire Marshal has insufficient authority and funding to coordinate the response to an incident involving the transport of crude oil and other hazardous materials by rail.

The Solution:

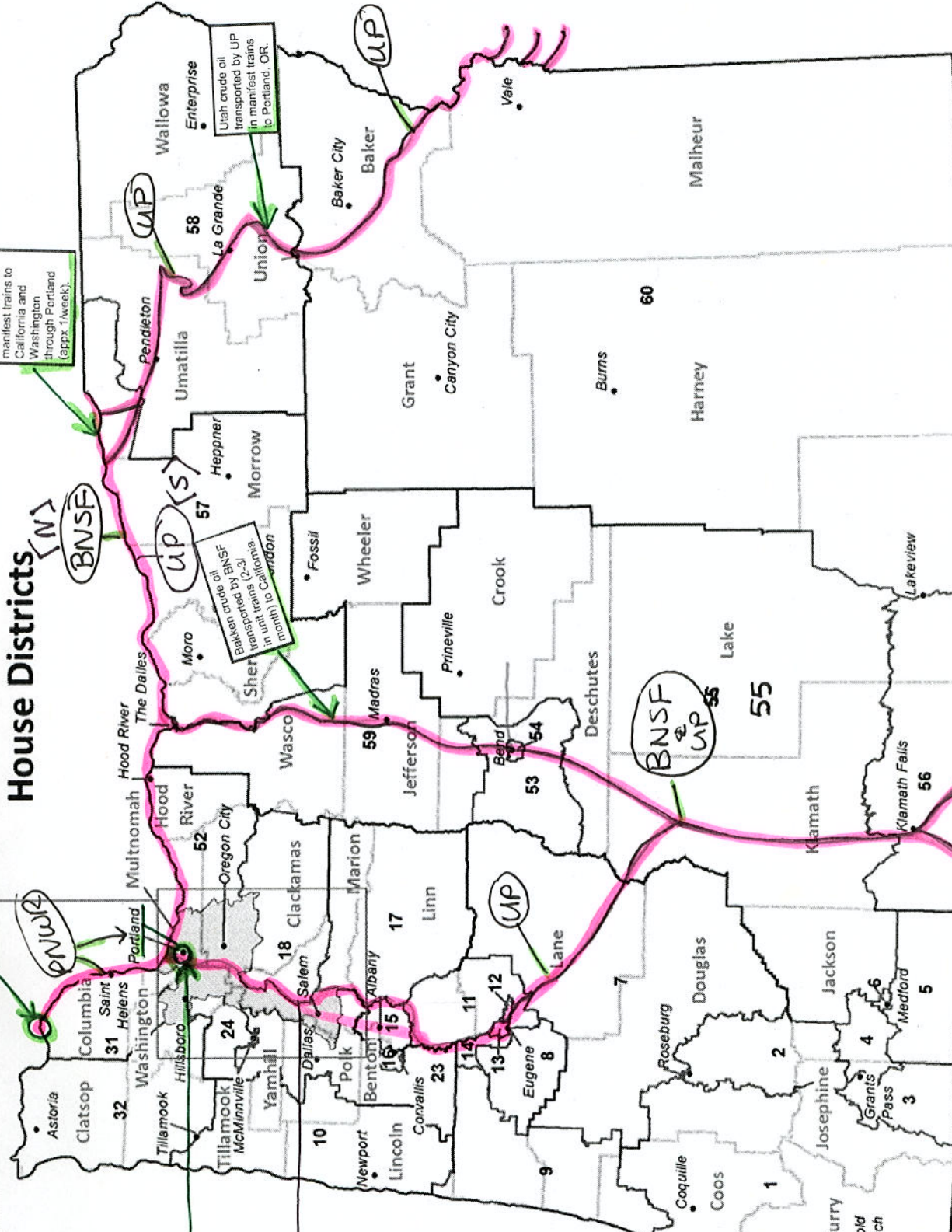
House Bill 3225A authorizes the Oregon State Fire Marshal to coordinate contingency planning and training in preparation for an incident involving the transport of crude oil by rail.

Under this bill the Fire Marshal will adopt a plan to address incidents that occur during the transport of hazardous materials by rail, to provide ongoing training for state and local first responders, and to establish the location and coordination of response materials across the state.

House Bill 3225A will also require the Fire Marshal to report to the Legislature regarding an inventory of the items and location of all emergency response resources available in the state; any possible revisions to the response roles of state agencies, local governments and railroads; and strategies for funding to maintain equipment, training, and administration of critical response plans.

The Oil and Hazardous Material Transparency by Rail Action Fund is also established by HB 3225A to enable the Oregon State Fire Marshal to collect funds for the costs of responding to incidents of hazardous materials incidents by rail.

House Districts



See Detail Map

- CITIES**
- Oregon City
 - Salem
 - Albany

Railroads where crude oil is running.