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HB 3225 Relating to the safe transport of hazardous materials

HB 3225 directs the Oregon State Fire Marshall to adopt a plan to coordinate response to oil or hazardous materials spills or releases that occur during rail transport. The bill establishes the Oil and Hazardous Material Transportation by Rail Action Fund to receive and account for gifts, grants, donations, endowments, or bequests from any public or private source to carry out the provisions of this bill, and requires the Fire Marshal to submit a report by February 1st each year to the Legislative Assembly.

The Subcommittee recommends an amendment that adds a \$365,225 General Fund appropriation to the Oregon State Police's 2015-17 budget, which will allow the Office of the State Fire Marshal to hire a position to coordinate outreach and develop the spill response plan with local public safety organizations; and provide funding for exercises, training, and support for local public safety partners.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 3225 be amended by the -A6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.