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Measure Description:

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.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), Oregon State Police (OSP)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$365,225	\$371,005
Total Funds	\$365,225	\$371,005
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.96	1.00

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis: This bill directs the Oregon State Fire Marshall (OSFM) to adopt by rule, a plan to coordinate response to oil or hazardous materials spills or releases that occur during rail transport. In addition, the bill establishes the Oil and Hazardous Material Transportation by Rail Action Fund to carry out the provisions of this bill and requires OSFM to submit a report by February 1 each year to the Legislative Assembly as an appendix to the Office of Emergency Management's plan pursuant to ORS 401.092.

OSFM would need a Program Analyst 2 to coordinate outreach and develop the spill response plan in conjunction with local public safety organizations. In addition, OSFM would need \$175,250 GF for conducting exercises, training, and support for local public safety organizations. The Oil and Hazardous Material Transportation by Rail Action Fund is to consist of gifts, grants, donations, endowments, or bequests from any public or private source. At this time, no sources have been identified and resources to carry out the provisions of the bill are assumed to be General Fund.