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**Testimony of  
Jim Paul, Director  
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on**

**Senate Bill 958  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 958. This bill would add new review standards for issuing permits for projects that facilitate the transportation of crude oil, potentially applying to a broad category of projects. The Department does not have a position on this bill.

The bill would require the Department to examine in a special way all projects that facilitate the transport of crude oil, regardless of the amount of impacts that are proposed. The special analysis described in the bill would require the Department to examine whether the project is for a “public use,” which means that it would be available for use by the public. It would also require that the project satisfy a “public need” of some kind, and that the need outweighs the harm to navigation, fishery and recreation.

The bill sets a higher bar for permitting these projects, as compared to requirements under current law. Given the higher bar, fewer projects of this type would likely be permitted under this bill.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony today.