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Measure: HB 2131 - 3

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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:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Military Department, Oregon State Police (OSP)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Summary of Revenue Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

HB 2131-3 directs the State Fire Marshal to include in its plan for a coordinated response to oil or hazardous material spills or releases, an annual statewide training and tabletop exercise including the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Office of Emergency Management, state and local responders, federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes, and railroads that operate in this state.

The Oregon State Police has indicated that the development and execution of this annual training exercise would require the addition of one position, classified as a Training and Development Specialist 2, equivalent to 0.88 FTE in the 2017-19 biennium, and 1.00 FTE in the 2019-21 biennium. Personal Services costs for the 2017-19 biennium are estimated to be \$149,534, and \$170,897 in the 2019-21 biennium. Associated Services and Supplies costs are estimated to be \$369,626 in the 2017-19 biennium, and \$370,573 in the 2019-21 biennium; \$350,000 of which are funds used directly for the annual training exercise.

DEQ has indicated that the development of the plans would require the addition of two positions, equivalent to 1.50 FTE in the 2017-19 biennium, and 1.75 FTE in the 2019-21 biennium. Personal Services costs are estimated to be \$302,142 in the 2017-19 biennium, and \$352,499 in the 2019-21 biennium. Services and Supplies costs are estimated to be \$54,144 in both the 2017-19 and 2019-21 biennium.

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that the Oil and Hazardous Materials Transportation by Rail Action Fund currently has no funding. This analysis assumes a General Fund appropriation would be necessary to cover the estimated expenses.

The bill is anticipated to have a minimal impact on the Oregon Military Department.

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