

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2131**79th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2017 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office**Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official**Prepared by: Nick Herrera
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Date: 4/14/2017**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: Department of Environmental Quality

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Other Funds	523,707	649,599
Total Funds	\$523,707	\$649,599
Positions	3	3
FTE	2.38	3.00

Summary of Revenue Impact: Department of Environmental Quality

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
Other Funds	750,000	750,000
Total Funds	\$750,000	\$750,000

Analysis:

HB 2131 requires the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules related to railroad car oil spill prevention and emergency response planning requirements for railroads that own or operate high hazard train routes. The bill requires proof of financial responsibility from railroad owners or operators, and establishes an annual assessment of \$375,000 to be proportioned among certain railroads.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has indicated that in order to complete the work prescribed in the bill, 3 new positions will be required. These positions will be classified as a Natural Resources Specialist 4. Personal Services costs are estimated to be \$478,392 in the 2017-19 biennium, and \$604,284 in the 2019-21 biennium. Associated Services and Supplies costs are estimated to be \$45,315 in both the 2017-19 and 2019-21 biennia. DEQ has indicated that these positions will be responsible for developing program rules and standards, working with railroads to review and improve response plans, and conducting exercises and drills for oil train spill preparedness.

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