

HB 3389 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Witt

Action Date: 04/12/17
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 9-0-0-0
Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Wilson, Witt
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Expands criteria for traffic offenses related to rail crossings and adds requirement for drivers to stop for approaching on-track equipment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Safety of railroad crews who operate on-track equipment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute specifies that motor vehicles approaching an on-grade rail crossing must stop for, or yield to, oncoming trains. However, the statute only refers to "train," meaning that drivers are not required, by law, to stop or yield to on-track equipment. On-track equipment may include shoulder cleaners, defect detection cars, undercutters, spike inserter/pullers, ballast regulators, or other on-track inspection equipment.