

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Legislative Fiscal Office

Measure: HB 2131 - A

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

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Rules to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The bill directs the State Fire Marshal to include in its existing plan for hazardous material emergency response, the location of oil or hazardous material spill or release response resources owned by railroads, and the implementation of a full-scale, multiagency, multijurisdictional, and multidisciplinary oil or hazardous material spill or release training exercise. Additionally, the bill directs railroads operating in this state to provide certain information to the State Fire Marshal, and requires rail carriers to demonstrate proof of their financial responsibility to pay the cost to clean up a worst case spill, as specified in the bill.

The bill directs the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt standards for the preparation of contingency plans for high hazard train routes, and mandates that owners and operators of a high hazard train route must submit an oil spill prevention and emergency response plan to the Department of Environmental Quality.

The Legislative Fiscal Office anticipates this bill resulting in a fiscal impact, the amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required