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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: John Terpening, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: May 30, 2019
Subject: HB 2209 – Relating to safe transportation of oil

HB 2209 requires railroads that own or operate a high hazard train route to have an oil spill prevention and emergency response plan approved by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Railroads that are required to submit these plans must pay a fee, capped in statute at 0.05% of gross operating revenues derived from within Oregon, equal to the amount that DEQ finds necessary to defray eligible costs.

Additionally, the measure requires the owner of oil to pay the Department of Revenue a fee, capped in statute at \$20, for each rail car loaded with oil for transport through Oregon. This includes railcars entering the state or loaded with oil for transport within the state. The money derived from this fee can be used for the High Hazard Train Route Fund or the Oil Spill Prevention Fund.

The measure has a fiscal impact to DEQ and the Oregon State Police, State Fire Marshal. Both agencies anticipate needing additional positions for the associated workload, however the timing of hiring the positions will be dependent on the revenue received.

Final Subcommittee Action

MOTION: I move HB 2209 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____