

From the Desk of State Representative Anna Williams



Support HB 2209-A

The citizens of the Columbia River Gorge urge you to vote yes on HB 2209-A. We learned first-hand about the dangers of oil transport by rail when, on June 3, 2016, a Union Pacific Railroad oil train carrying 3 million gallons of oil derailed and caught fire in Mosier, Oregon. The derailment spilled 46,000 gallons of crude oil, which subsequently burned for 14 hours within approximately a quarter mile of Mosier Community School. HB 2209-A will better prepare Oregon for future derailments and spills.

HB 2209-A would require railroads hauling large shipments of crude oil through Oregon to:

- Establish a High Hazard Train Route Oil Spill Preparedness Fund and a triennial schedule for trainings to respond to high hazard oil train spills
- Submit oil spill cleanup plans to the DEQ for approval
- Pay fees to cover spill response planning and training
- Carry enough insurance to cover an average-sized oil spill of up to 15% of oil train capacity, or about 450,000 gallons

Oregon does not currently require oil spill contingency plans to be developed and approved by the state, unlike our neighboring states of Washington and California. HB 2209-A would help create interstate uniformity on oil train spill response. Please vote "yes" on HB 2209-A to help ensure better oil train safety and response in Oregon.

Sincerely,



State Representative Anna Williams, District 52



Mayor Paul Blackburn, Hood River



Mayor Arlene Burns, Mosier



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