

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2603

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Including House Amendments dated April 2

Sponsored by Representatives NATHANSON, GORSEK; Representatives BOSHART DAVIS, EVANS, GREENLICK, HOLVEY, LIVELY, NOBLE, PILUSO, POWER, SALINAS, SANCHEZ, WILDE, Senators GELSER, MANNING JR (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Directs Department of Transportation to study train delays **experienced by trains operated by Amtrak** and report on findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to transportation on or before September 15, 2020.
Sunsets January 2, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to rail transportation.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study train delays experienced**
5 **by trains in Oregon that are operated by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation,**
6 **commonly known as Amtrak. As part of the study and to the extent possible, the department**
7 **shall:**

8 (a) **Identify delays to passenger trains waiting for an opposing passenger or freight train**
9 **to arrive at a siding selected by the train dispatcher for one of the trains to clear the main**
10 **line;**

11 (b) **Identify delays to passenger trains resulting from overtaking a slower freight train**
12 **going the same direction, including all delay time and mileage incurred following the slower**
13 **train until passing;**

14 (c) **Identify delays to passenger trains caused when an opposing freight train exceeds the**
15 **length of a siding, resulting in a portion of the freight train still occupying the track required**
16 **for the passenger train's progression;**

17 (d) **Identify passenger train delays arising from freight train mechanical failures; and**

18 (e) **List any other reasons for passenger delays not described in paragraphs (a) to (d) of**
19 **this subsection.**

20 (2) **The department shall present the results of the study, along with any recommended**
21 **changes, in a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**
22 **transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020.**

23 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2021.**
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