

**Enrolled**  
**House Bill 2603**

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

CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to rail transportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Section 1 of this 2019 Act is repealed on January 2, 2021.**

**Passed by House April 4, 2019**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate April 22, 2019**

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

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Kate Brown, Governor

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