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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB723

Committee Chair and members of the committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 723. This legislation is a critical measure to enhance both worker and public safety for the following reasons:

Enhanced Safety:

A two-person crew provides a crucial safety redundancy, allowing for better monitoring of train operations, track conditions, and potential hazards.

In the event of an emergency, having two crew members enables more effective response and coordination, minimizing the risk of accidents and mitigating potential damage.

One crew member can become incapacitated; having a second crew member is vital for everyone's safety.

Worker Well-being:

Operating a train is a complex and demanding task. A two-person crew reduces the workload and stress on individual workers, improving their ability to focus.

This measure helps prevent fatigue-related errors, which are a significant safety concern in the rail industry.

Public Safety:

Train accidents can have devastating consequences for communities along rail lines. A two-person crew provides an additional layer of protection for the public by reducing the likelihood of such accidents.

The transportation of hazardous materials by rail is common, having two crew members is even more important in those situations.

SB 723 is a common-sense measure that prioritizes the safety of train workers and the public.

Sincerely,
Leslie Fager