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As an engineer and conductor for the last 8 years i ask you to vote yes on this bill. Having 2 crew members on a train should be the bare minium. 1 crew member alone creates safety concerns for both the public and the individual alone in the cab if there is a medical emergency. There is no legitimate reason to not have 2 crew members on a train other than to save the rail companys money. A vote against this is putting the financial concerns of a billion dollar company over the safety of the public in this state. There is not a situation that could happen on these trains running through the cities and towns in our state 24/7 where having two crew members is not safer than 1 person alone. There have been countless times in my short career that having another person to help has saved from mistakes that could have caused damage and disaster.