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By Senator Honeyford

1       Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3       "NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.44 RCW  
4 to read as follows:

5       (1) The commission shall establish regulations to minimize the risk  
6 of fire resulting from rail grinding, welding, or vegetation clearing  
7 activities by railroads. The regulations shall include, but are not  
8 limited to, requirements concerning notification to the commission and  
9 local governments of such activities.

10       (2) A railroad may not engage in rail grinding, welding, or  
11 vegetation clearing activities that do not comply with commission  
12 regulations.

13       (3) Each violation of this section is punishable by a fine of up to  
14 twenty thousand dollars, as determined by the commission."

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15       On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "regulation;" strike the  
16 remainder of the title and insert "adding a new section to chapter  
17 81.44 RCW; and prescribing penalties."

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