

SB 5057-S2.E - DIGEST

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Requires the department of ecology to: (1) Provide grants to emergency responders to assist with oil spill and hazardous materials response and firefighting equipment and resources needed to meet the requirements of this act; and

(2) Convene a panel to evaluate and assess vessel traffic management and vessel traffic safety within the Columbia river and Grays Harbor.

Requires first-class cities to provide to the utilities and transportation commission a list of existing public crossings within the limits of a first-class city.

Requires the emergency management council to require local emergency planning organizations to submit hazardous materials plans and to update the plans on a five-year cycle for compliance review by the adjutant general.

Requires the department of ecology and the utilities and transportation commission to jointly hold a symposium on oil spill prevention and response activities for international transport of liquid bulk crude oil.

Authorizes the utilities and transportation commission to adopt rules governing safety standards for private crossings along the railroad tracks over which crude oil is transported in the state.

Requires a facility, as defined in RCW 90.56.010(11), that receives crude oil from a railroad car to provide advance notice to the department of ecology that the facility will receive crude oil from a railroad car.

Authorizes employees of the utilities and transportation commission, certified by the federal railroad administration to perform hazardous materials inspections, to enter the property of any business that receives, ships, or offers for shipment hazardous materials by rail.

Establishes minimum crew size requirements for freight and passenger trains carrying hazardous materials.

Imposes an oil spill response tax and an oil spill administration tax on the privilege of receiving crude oil at a bulk oil terminal within this state from a tank car.