

FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title:

A RESOLUTION related to petroleum transport by rail through Seattle and the State of Washington; urging adoption of state legislation and federal regulations; state assessment of risks; railroad company restriction of petroleum transport through Seattle; and update of City incident response plans to address the potential safety, environmental, and economic impacts of petroleum transport by rail.

Summary of the Legislation:

This legislation urges Washington State to require information about petroleum products transported by rail be disclosed to the public. It urges improvement of federal regulations regarding tank car design and operations. It also asks state agencies, the Coast Guard, and local emergency response entities to assess the impacts and risks associated with transport of petroleum products by rail. It also requests that railroad companies restrict petroleum transport through Seattle pending further study of public safety and environmental impacts. And, it requests that the Seattle Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management to review and update City incident response plans to address risks from petroleum transport by rail.

Background:

Increased production of petroleum is expected to significantly increase the amount of petroleum and petroleum products transported by rail through the City of Seattle and State of Washington. Given the proximity of rail lines to Seattle residents, businesses and natural areas, there is concern that rail transport of petroleum will pose risks to public safety, the local economy and the environment. This legislation urges Washington State to require information about petroleum products transported by rail be disclosed to the public. It urges improvement of federal regulations regarding tank car design and operations. It also asks state agencies, the Coast Guard, and local emergency response entities to assess the impacts and risks associated with transport of petroleum products by rail. It also requests that railroad companies restrict petroleum transport through Seattle pending further study of public safety and environmental impacts. And, it requests that the Seattle Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management to review and update City incident response plans to address risks from petroleum transport by rail.

Please check one of the following:

 X **This legislation does not have any financial implications.**

No additional City government appropriations or revenues are anticipated from this resolution at this time.