
SENATE BILL 5340

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By Senators Haugen, Benton, Jacobsen, Oke and Gardner; by request of Utilities & Transportation Commission

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1 AN ACT Relating to inspections of hazardous materials offered by
2 private shippers for transportation by rail; and amending RCW
3 81.44.065.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 81.44.065 and 1961 c 14 s 81.44.065 are each amended
6 to read as follows:

7 The utilities and transportation commission shall exercise all
8 powers and duties in relation to the inspection of tracks, bridges,
9 structures, equipment, apparatus, and appliances of railroads with
10 respect to the safety of employees and the public and the
11 administration and enforcement of all laws providing for the protection
12 of the public and employees of railroads (~~(which)~~) that prior to April
13 1, 1955, were vested in and required to be performed by the director of
14 labor and industries.

15 The commission may enter the property of any business that
16 receives, ships, or offers for shipment hazardous materials by rail, or
17 that manufactures, marks, maintains, reconditions, repairs, or tests
18 containers that are represented, marked, certified, or sold for use in
19 the transportation of hazardous materials by rail. Entry shall be at

1 a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner. The purpose of such
2 entry shall be to perform inspections, investigations, or surveillance
3 of facilities, equipment, records, and operations relating to the
4 packaging, loading, or transportation of hazardous materials by rail.
5 The term "business" is all inclusive and is not limited to common
6 carriers or public service companies.

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