

**SB 5106** - H AMD 1116

By Representative Ericksen

1           On page 1, after line 16, strike all of section 2 and insert  
2 the following:

3           "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 81.44  
4 RCW to read as follows:

5           The Washington utilities and transportation commission shall  
6 conduct a study of hazardous materials handling throughout the  
7 state, with particular attention to the resolution of significant  
8 safety issues and the most effective means of enforcing current  
9 state and federal standards. The commission shall report to the  
10 transportation committees of the legislature by December 1, 2006,  
11 on options, strategies and recommendations for resolving  
12 significant safety issues and improving enforcement of current  
13 standards."

**EFFECT:** Removes language authorizing Utilities and  
Transportation Commission employees, certified by the Federal  
Railroad Administration, to conduct inspections, investigations  
or surveillance on the property of businesses involved in the  
transportation of hazardous materials by rail. Requires the  
Utilities and Transportation Commission to conduct a study of  
hazardous materials handling and report to the Legislature with  
recommendations for resolving significant safety issues and  
improving enforcement of current standards.