
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5023

State of Washington

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford and Swecker)

READ FIRST TIME 02/19/09.

1 AN ACT Relating to fire suppression regulation; adding a new
2 section to chapter 81.44 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

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

6 (1) The commission shall establish regulations to minimize the risk
7 of fire resulting from railroad operations or maintenance.

8 (2) No person may operate railroad equipment or perform rail
9 maintenance, including rail grinding, welding, or vegetation clearing,
10 without complying with requirements adopted by the commission to
11 minimize risk of fire.

12 (3) Each violation of this section is punishable by a monetary
13 penalty of one thousand dollars.

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