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SENATE BILL 5023

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By Senators Honeyford and Swecker

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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 fine equal to  
13 the greater of: One thousand dollars; or the amount of actual damages  
14 caused by fire resulting from the violation, as determined by the  
15 commission in consultation with any federal, state, or local agency  
16 that the commission deems appropriate.

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