

SB 6582 - DIGEST

Establishes the spill prevention and response act.

Requires the department of ecology to: (1) In consultation with the utilities and transportation commission, the federal railroad administration, and industry representatives, conduct a study on the safety of transporting crude oil in liquid bulk form by rail;

(2) Provide an analysis on the safety of transporting liquid bulk crude oil on waters of the state; and

(3) Provide grants to emergency responders to assist with oil spill response and firefighting equipment and resources.

Requires the department of ecology and the utilities and transportation commission to jointly hold a symposium on emergency prevention and response activities for liquid bulk crude oil transported in the Pacific Northwest region.

Requires the owner or operator for each facility other than a transmission pipeline to submit to the department of ecology data and information on: (1) The volume and type of crude oil that arrived at and departed from the facility each month, including the state, province, or country of origin of the crude oil; and

(2) The mode of arrival and departure at the facility including, but not limited to, arrival by vessel, rail, or pipeline.

Imposes an oil spill response tax and an oil spill administration tax on the privilege of receiving crude oil at a bulk oil terminal within this state from a tank car.