
HOUSE BILL 2548

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By Representatives Muri and Kilduff

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1 AN ACT Relating to railroad community notice requirements; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 81.48 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 81.48
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) At least ten days prior to taking any planned action that may
7 have a significant impact on a community, railroad companies must
8 notify, in writing, the governing authority of the community and the
9 commission of the planned action.

10 (2) The notice must contain a heading with the words "important
11 notice" in prominent type and contain, at a minimum, the following:

12 (a) Date the notice is issued;

13 (b) A clear explanation of the type of planned event;

14 (c) Specific location of the event;

15 (d) An estimation of the start and completion date of the event;

16 (e) Any additional information that will assist the community to
17 plan for the event; and

18 (f) Railroad company contact person and phone number.

19 (3) If a railroad company fails to notify the governing authority
20 of the community and the commission of the planned action, the
21 commission may pursue the following to the maximum extent permitted

1 under federal law: Administrative actions including, but not limited
2 to, issuing defect notices to railroad companies, reports and
3 recommendations to the federal railroad administration, warnings,
4 sanctions, and penalty assessments.

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