



TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

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GENERAL COMMITTEE of ADJUSTMENT GO-386

Representing:
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RE: House Bill 2970, Minimum Train Crew Requirement

Mr. Carey and Who it May Concern.

I am the General Chairman of General Committee of Adjustment GO-386 for the International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation Workers Union - Transportation Division (SMART-TD), formerly known as the United Transportation Union (UTU). My committee members include trainman who work for the BNSF Railway Company in Oregon.

As General Chairman, I am responsible for representing members and "minor dispute" matters under the Railway Labor Act (RLA) within the Committee's geographical area. Minor disputes under the RLA involved claims and disagreements between a member and the Railroad Carrier's Management about the application and interpretation of the Collective Bargaining Agreements with respect to a particular incident, circumstance or claim. I hold authority and responsibility in all contractual areas for BNSF train crew workers who are members of this committee. (Former GN Road, SP&S yard and road, C&S yard and road and MW RR).

In regard to House Bill 2970, Minimum Train Crew Requirement (Two Crew Members), I am getting reports that Carrier lobbyists are telling legislators at the Oregon capital that safety is a collective bargaining issue. This is not the case; safety issues have always been relegated to the Legislative Branch of the Organization. Safety and collective bargaining are separate and apart. CBA's do not protect the public nor is in the public's safety interest represented in any way, or part of, our private industry Agreements.

Furthermore, this office fully supports the intent of safety legislation in Oregon.

Respectfully,

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