

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2603

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 2

1 Delete lines 4 through 16 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall study train delays experienced**
3 **by trains in Oregon that are operated by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation,**
4 **commonly known as Amtrak. As part of the study and to the extent possible, the department**
5 **shall:**

6 **“(a) Identify delays to passenger trains waiting for an opposing passenger or freight train**
7 **to arrive at a siding selected by the train dispatcher for one of the trains to clear the main**
8 **line;**

9 **“(b) Identify delays to passenger trains resulting from overtaking a slower freight train**
10 **going the same direction, including all delay time and mileage incurred following the slower**
11 **train until passing;**

12 **“(c) Identify delays to passenger trains caused when an opposing freight train exceeds**
13 **the length of a siding, resulting in a portion of the freight train still occupying the track**
14 **required for the passenger train’s progression;**

15 **“(d) Identify passenger train delays arising from freight train mechanical failures; and**

16 **“(e) List any other reasons for passenger delays not described in paragraphs (a) to (d)**
17 **of this subsection.**

18 **“(2) The department shall present the results of the study, along with any recommended**
19 **changes, in a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to**
20 **transportation in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2020.”.**

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