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The Pacific Northwest's rail system is a critical component of our regional economy and intercity transportation network. By nature, these freight and passenger rail corridors cross many borders - municipal, county, state, and even national borders. Fundamentally, the effective movement of goods and people across our region requires cooperation and collaboration on the part of multiple public agencies at multiple levels of government, as well as with privately-owned host railroads.

HB 3233 will allow the Department of Transportation to actively work with its counterparts across the northwest to form a multistate strategy for investing in rail infrastructure that will facilitate faster and more reliable movement of people and goods by rail. The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region strongly supports this bill.