

I oppose Senate Bill 723.

The sponsors of Senate Bill 723, Senator Gorsek, Representative Nathanson, Senator Pham K and Representative Ruiz have no regard for railroad crew or the general public.

No regard for their safety nor their lives.

How dare the sponsors request trains be operated with a one-person train crew under and exception specified under federal law.

How dare the sponsors want to make a one-person train crew the law.

How dare the sponsors think they can usurp federal law.

The sponsors have not thought of tons of steel (locomotives and train cars that can be miles long) moving wheat, food or other commodities that our country needs and uses for its very existence. Right now railroad crews keep our country going strong by doing their jobs safely.

The sponsors want to make law escalating civil penalties for any railroad company or officer or agent (implying railroad crews) who violate any rules adopted by the Department of Transportation concerning the transportation of hazardous waste.

As a parent of two family members who are railroad crew, I am always concerned for their safety and well-being. Moving tons of steel should not be done by a one-person railroad crew.

Utmost safety of people's lives doing their jobs throughout our country should be paramount. Enacting Senate Bill 723 would be harmful to family members and railroad crew.

Do not enact Senate Bill 723. It is bad for railroad crew, bad for the general public, and bad for our country.

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