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I will try to be as clear and concise as i can this all boils down to safety for the workers and the public railroads hall some of the most dangerous materials on earth any town a railroad goes through has had these materials run through it clichés or clichés for a reason two heads are better than one for a multitude reasons one crew member can visually inspect what can be seen of the train on one side and the other crew member looks at the opposite side more in important in my opinion is the unpredictable nature of the trains you never know when exactly you'll be called to take that train to its next destination with 2 people in the cab odds of at least one of you being rested goes up and if not you can keep each other alert and attentive which is near impossible to do by yourself which brings me to my next point forgive me if my dates are off in 2008 there where I believe at least 3 derailments in the US involving commuter trains one in Chatsworth California resulting in 25 deaths that's prompted the FRA's 2008 emergency order banning electronics on trains if memory serves each of those derailments had one thing in common only one person in the cab I'm not saying having multiple people in the cab of trains will prevent derailments and loss of life having 2 competent and well trained people in the cab significantly reduces the odds of it happening I personally have over 21 riding in the cab of freight trains and nearly 20 years operating them I considered myself an expert when it comes to operating trains if it is allowed to have one person in the cab it will only be a matter of time before derailments and loss of life involving trains are a regular occurrence the railroads want one person for a very simple reason money money getting the same amount of profit with 1/2 the overhead is wonderful from a business perspective I didn't take the time to right this from a business standpoint i'm writing this from a human being perspective money isn't everything the safety and wellbeing of Oregon's citizens are more important than profit i get emails regularly from congressmen and senators who say they have Oregon's best interests at heart and are working hard for our future now is the time to prove it by keeping 2 people in the cab of trains for our safety and yours