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Ecology is formally proposing amendments to Chapter 173-185 WAC, Oil Movement by Rail and Pipeline Notification and opening the public comment period. This chapter establishes reporting standards for facilities that receive crude oil by rail and pipelines that transport crude oil through the state. The rule also describes reporting standards for Ecology to share information with tribes, emergency responders, local governments, and the public.

I support the rulemaking that will implement sections of Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1578 and Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5579, both passed in 2019 and codified in RCW 90.56.565.

Why it matters to me:

Expanded reporting requirements will help Ecology and other emergency responders understand the crude oil movement picture statewide, and to better assess potential impacts of crude oil movement by rail and pipeline. The additional data can help Ecology and emergency response agencies determine the need for additional prevention and preparedness measures.

Thank you.