

2014 OIL TRANSPORT LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

Fiscal cutoff for bills in house of origin.

Fiscal cutoff for bills from opposite chamber.

JAN. 15

Rep. Farrell introduces HB 2347 in the House.

JAN. 20

Sen. Rolfes introduces SB 6524 in the Senate. (Never receives hearing)

JAN. 31

Sen. Ericksen introduces SB 6524 in the Senate.

FEB. 10

Ericksen's SB 6524 given a hearing in EET. (Passes on 5-4 vote)

FEB. 11

FEB. 17

HB 2347 passes House by a 57-37 vote; Sen. Tom's tax-only bill SB 6567 introduced.

FEB. 27

Sens. McCoy, Rolfes compromise bill SB 6576 introduced.

MARCH 3

MARCH 8

Sen. Baumgartner's SB 6582 introduced.

MARCH 13

Sine Die.

DEC. 30, 2013

Casselton, ND – 400,000 gallons of crude spills when BNSF train derailed, 1,400 people evacuated from town.

JAN. 21

Philadelphia, Penn. – Train hauling crude oil derailed on bridge over river. No oil spills.

FEB. 13

Vandergrift, Penn. – Train derailment spills several thousand gallons of crude.

APRIL 30

Lynchburg, VA. – 15 tanker cars carrying crude oil derail near businesses and downtown. Explosion sparks fires and spills oil into river.

MAY 16

Grays Harbor County, Wash. – 11 grain cars derail just days after two derailments near Aberdeen.

BILL TO WATCH

SB 6582

Sponsored by:

Sens. Michael Baumgartner, Doug Ericksen and John Braun.

What it would do:

- Directs UTC/Ecology to complete a safety study and regional symposium.
- Directs Ecology to lead a geographic response plan.
- Requires oil handling facilities to report volume and type of crude oil received monthly to Ecology.
- Requires Ecology to hold information in confidence or aggregate if disclosed.
- Adds rail to oil spill tax.

What it would NOT do:

- Allow communities access to vital information about shipments of crude oil and petroleum products through their cities and towns.
- Tighten safety standards on the increasing shipments of oil by barge and tanker in Washington's waterways.