2014 OIL TRANSPORT LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

JAN. 15

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. 13
Vandergrift, Penn. – Train derailment spills several thousand gallons of crude.

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.

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.

DECEMBER 30, 2013
Casselton, ND – 400,000 gallons of crude spills when BNSF train derails, 1,400 people evacuated from town.

JANUARY 21
Philadelphia, Penn. – Train hauling crude oil derails on bridge over river. No oil spills.