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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

SB 7: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which:

- Directs Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules applying certain oil spill prevention and emergency response planning requirements to high hazard train routes in this state.
- Adds railroad cars to definition of “facility” for purposes of liability for oil spillage under oil or hazardous material spillage statutes.
- Defines “high hazard train route” and “listed sensitive area” for purposes of contingency plans.
- Establishes annual assessment proportioned among certain railroads.
- Transfers moneys to Oil Spill Prevention Fund for purposes of certain activities related to high hazard train routes.
- Requires certain railroads to submit annual financial responsibility statement.

This would appear to be the minimum appropriate response to the large increase in oil train accidents and discharges.

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