

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 17, 2025
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB25-162 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 9, line 6, strike the first "THE" and substitute
2 "BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 1, 2027, THE".

3 Page 11, line 7, strike "2026," and substitute "2027,".

4 Page 12, line 6, strike "THE" and substitute "BEGINNING ON OR BEFORE
5 JANUARY 1, 2027, AND SUBJECT TO THE DEADLINES DESCRIBED IN
6 SUBSECTION (3)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE".

7 Page 12, line 15, strike "THE" and substitute "ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER
8 30, 2026, THE".

9 Page 13, after line 8 insert:

10 "(IV) (A) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOTIFY EACH RAILROAD
11 REQUIRED TO PAY THE ANNUAL FEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF
12 THIS SECTION OF THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE UPCOMING
13 STATE FISCAL YEAR ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE
14 EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER.

15 (B) THE COMMISSION SHALL SEND A QUARTERLY INVOICE TO EACH
16 RAILROAD REQUIRED TO PAY THE ANNUAL FEE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION
17 (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2026. THEREAFTER,
18 THE COMMISSION SHALL SEND A QUARTERLY INVOICE TO EACH RAILROAD
19 REQUIRED TO PAY THE ANNUAL FEE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, JUNE 1,
20 SEPTEMBER 1, AND DECEMBER 1 OF EACH STATE FISCAL YEAR."

21 Page 13, line 9, after "(2)" insert "(a)".

1 Page 13, line 12, strike "CONTINUOUSLY" and substitute "ANNUALLY".

2 Page 13, after line 17 insert:

3 "(b) THE OFFICE OF RAILROAD SAFETY SHALL NOT EXPEND MONEY
4 FROM THE RAIL SAFETY FUND ON EQUIPMENT OR HIRING STAFF UNTIL
5 FEBRUARY 1, 2027."

6 Page 13, lines 20 through 21, strike "JULY 15, OCTOBER 15, JANUARY 15,
7 AND APRIL 15" and substitute "JANUARY 1, APRIL 1, JULY 1, AND
8 OCTOBER 1".

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