

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2472
Version:	CCR B
Request Number:	8958
Author:	McCall
Date:	5/15/2019
Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

CCR B to HB 2472 prohibits a railcar from blocking vehicle traffic at a crossing on a public highway or street for longer than 10 minutes, with exceptions for emergency conditions or if the train is continuously moving. Further, one-time exceptions for an additional 10 minutes are added when a train is unable to complete a switching maneuver while setting out or picking up rail cars or for stopping to allow passage of a second train which has exhausted its 10 minutes. The bill requires every railroad to be operated in a manner that minimizes obstruction of emergency vehicles at public highway grade crossings.

The measure allows for a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation, of which 75% would go to the entity issuing the citation and 25% to the Corporation Commission Revolving Fund. An annual report is required from the Corporation Commission on the number of violations, rulings, appeals and fines assessed pursuant to this law.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.