

SB 271

Esteemed members of the Senate Transportation Committee. Senate Bill 271 is a bill imposing restrictions on overall length of trains and limiting the distance from railroad crossings that rolling stock can be stored. It would limit this to 250 feet.

Subsequent to requesting a draft, I have learned there is a case making its way through the courts on train lengths.

The storage of rolling stock on sidings 250 feet from the crossing would allow vehicle drivers time to see the trains or lights approaching the crossing. The committee may wish to limit this to apply to crossings without active signaling, i.e. crossing gates or flashing lights. Many of our rural crossings do not have active signaling.

Thank you for your consideration.

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