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House Bill 5766

Sponsor: Rep. Kate Ebli

Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5766 AS INTRODUCED 2-19-08

The bill would require railroad corporations to place whistle post signs to the right of the main track in the direction of approach exactly one-quarter mile from the entrance to any grade crossings. This would be to notify locomotive engineers who blow a whistle and ring a bell as the locomotive approaches the grade crossing as a warning to the public.

The whistle post sign would consist of a "W" identifiable on a square plate mounted on a post. It would have to be visible to a locomotive engineer in a cab, be kept in good repair, and replaced promptly when necessary.

The bill is an amendment to the Railroad Code.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no apparent fiscal impact.

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