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House Bill 6625 (as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to include in the sentencing guidelines causing derailment of a streetcar, tram, or trolley or endangering the life of a person engaged in the work of or traveling by streetcar, tram, or trolley. The offense would be a Class A felony against public safety with a statutory maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

The bill is tie-barred to Senate Bill 1589, which would amend Public Act 35 of 1867 (dealing with street railway companies) to permit the organization of a nonprofit corporation for the purpose of acquiring, owning, constructing, equipping, operating, improving, and maintaining a street railway system. The bill would make it a felony, punishable by up to life imprisonment, for a person to cause or attempt to cause the derailment of a streetcar, tram, or trolley of a street railway or otherwise willfully endanger or attempt to endanger the life of any person working on the railway or traveling on the streetcar, tram or trolley.

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Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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