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Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
Representative Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair
Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means
900 Court Street NE
H-178 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Oregon State Marine Board's (OSMB) core mission is serving Oregon's recreational boating public through education, enforcement, access, and environmental stewardship for a safe and enjoyable experience. We value transparency, trust and credibility, innovation, boating and diversity and inclusion.

The agency's approach to reductions was guided by our priority to protect statutorily funded programs. We recognize that reducing funding for our Facilities and Law Enforcement programs—primarily in the form of grants—will have a significant impact. Our legislatively approved budget is \$43.9 million, with 71% allocated to Law Enforcement and Facility programs that support 30 county sheriff's offices and the Oregon State Police. The Boating Facilities Program, which provides grants and technical assistance for the maintenance and improvement of public recreational boating facilities statewide, is also affected. However, because 71% of our funds are committed to just two programs, any necessary reductions must begin there.

Sincerely,

Larry Warren

Director, Oregon State Marine Board

cc: Twais Broadus, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, LFO

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Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)																
2025-27 Biennium																
2025-27 LAB		-	-	36,894,678	-	7,022,955	-	43,917,633								
Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget																
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Priority (ranked most to least preferred)	Agency	SCR or Activity Initials	Program Unit/Activity Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Gov. Reduction Target Yes / No	One-Time Yes / No	Describe the reduction and associated impact on services and outcomes. Please identify the source of Other Funds reductions.	
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1	1	OSMB	25000-003	Facility Programs			922,367				\$ 922,367	0	0.00	No	No	Reductions to Boating Facilities grant programs including boating facilities constructions grants, maintenance assistance, small grants and waterway access grants. State and local governments would receive less funding to support annual operation and maintenance of boating access facilities. The reduction in funds could cause restricted hours, seasonal closures and site amenities may be closed or have limited availability. Facility owners may also charge the public new or increased parking fees to use the recreational boating access facility. Grant reductions lead to increased boating public complaints about antiquated and inefficient facilities. Maintaining and constructing boating facilities is expensive and specialized. Delayed construction projects normally lead to greater future costs when started. Source of funding comes from annual fuel tax revenues, boat registration and title fees, and waterway access permit fees.
2	1	OSMB	25000-002	Law Enforcement Program			785,960				\$ 785,960	0	0.00	No	No	Reductions to Law Enforcement intergovernmental agreements which reduce annual funding to county sheriff departments and the Oregon State Police. Local governments could cancel or delay boat purchases, reduce on water patrol hours, and some smaller counties would discontinue marine patrol. Counties and OSP have already taken a reduction on their annual contracts in FY26 due to delays in funding from the USCG's recreational boating safety grant. Further reductions would cause damage to the partnerships OSMB has with its LE partners. The agency would anticipate more counties to opt out of marine patrol entirely. Source of funding comes from annual fuel tax revenues and boat registration and titling fees.

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3	1	OSMB	25000-001	Administration & Education			33,865				\$ 33,865	0	0.00	No	No	Reductions towards educational grants and supplies. The agency would eliminate educational grant awards and reduce materials and supplies used for training and educational purposes. This would also reduce non-federal match to the federal RBS grant which could decrease the annual funding amount the agency receives from the USCG. Source of funding comes from annual fuel tax revenues and boat registration and titling fees.
4	1	OSMB	25000-001	Administration & Education			47,075				\$ 47,075	0	0.00	No	No	Reductions to the Adopt-a-River Contract and Clean Marina Program supplies costs. Source of funding comes from annual fuel tax revenues and boat registration and titling fees.
5	1	OSMB	25000-002	Law Enforcement Program			55,467				\$ 55,467	0	0.00	No	No	OSMB would reduce the contract amount with Oregon State Police to enforce regulations to Guides and Outfitters. This would directly reduce the enforcement services provided by OSP related to this contract. Source of funding comes from annual outfitter and guide registration fees.
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