

REVENUE: Revenue statement issued
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote: 6 - 0 - 1
Yeas: Butler, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: Buckley
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Meeting Dates: 1/31, 3/7, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases service charge that agents of State Marine Board may impose for issuing boat permits. Authorizes State Marine Board agents to charge \$2.50 per transaction for calendar years 2008- 2010, and \$3.75 per transaction for calendar years 2011- 2013. Allows State Marine Board to issue an order revising the fee beginning in 2014, and every three years thereafter, based on the Portland-Salem, OR-WA Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Service charges retained solely by boat registration agent
- Agent fees last adjusted in 1975
- Services offered through agents
- Boat owners options to register/renew permits without service charge

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Authorizes State Marine Board agents to charge \$2.50 per transaction for calendar years 2008- 2010, and \$3.75 per transaction for calendar years 2011- 2013. Allows State Marine Board to issue an order revising the fee beginning in 2014, and every three years thereafter, based on the Portland-Salem, OR-WA Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items.

BACKGROUND: The State Marine Board authorizes agents to process temporary permits and other transactions for boat owners. The Board currently has 124 boat registration agents including most boat dealers and various sporting goods stores statewide. Agents are required to maintain a \$1,000 bond, which costs the agent approximately \$100 annually. The agent service charge was last set at \$1.00 by the 1975 Legislature. Agents handle between 100 and 1,000 transactions each year averaging 490 transactions processed per agent. Boat owners are not required to use the services of agents and may register boats or renew permits by mail or on-line without service charge. HB 2071A increases Marine Board agent fees to \$2.50 in 2008-2010, to \$3.75 in 2001-2013, and allows the State Marine Board to adjust agent fees every three years, starting in 2014, based on the Consumer Price Index.