

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
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<b>Yeas:</b>	George L., Monnes Anderson, Starr, Metsger
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Repeals the sunset on changes made in 2005 regarding reciprocity for ocean charter vessels and outfitting and guiding licensees from other states. Allows the State Marine Board to adopt rules to waive annual fees for persons who possess a current Oregon outfitter and guide registration and who operate in the waters of the Columbia River downstream from the Lewis and Clark Bridge. Declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Background on reciprocity issues
- Differences between charter and outfitter guide license

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In Oregon, guide and charter boats are required to be operated by a U.S. Coast Guard licensee, to carry liability insurance, and to have proper safety equipment on board. Recently, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife established a permanent administrative rule that failed to recognize that an Oregon outfitter/guide registration issued under ORS 704.020 is equivalent to both an Oregon Charter license issued under ORS 830.435 and a Washington charter license issued under RCW 77.64.150 applicable to reciprocity on the Columbia River. Because of this rule, registered Oregon outfitters and guides will be required to obtain a Washington registration to operate on the Columbia River. House Bill 2072-A allows the Oregon Marine Board to waive its annual endorsement fees for persons who possess a current Oregon outfitter and guide registration so that these operators will not have to pay fees to both Oregon and Washington.

The current reciprocity language is designated to sunset on December 31, 2008. If the sunset stands, the reciprocity agreement will revert back to 1995 language that requires Washington to adopt mandatory liability insurance and first aid training currently not in place. Idaho has adopted those requirements and, as a result, the Oregon-Idaho reciprocity agreement is not impacted by this measure. The effect of repeal will be cessation of reciprocity between Oregon and Washington and enforcement of dual registration requirements. House Bill 2072-A repeals the sunset on the reciprocity provisions.

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