

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	7 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Buckley, Butler, Gilman, Read, Smith G., Tomei, Beyer
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	2/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Increases maximum annual maritime pilot license fee from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Authorizes Board of Maritime Pilots to adjust license fee based on the Portland-Salem, OR-WA, Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for All Items. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Board of Maritime Pilot responsibilities
- Process to determine number of bar pilots and river pilots
- Board regulates tariff rate on ship traffic that pays pilots
- Board funded solely by license fees
- Cost to shippers when ships delayed by weather or unavailable pilots
- Support from all current bar and river pilots

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

**BACKGROUND:** The Board of Maritime Pilots is part of the Oregon Department of Transportation. The board regulates 63 bar and river pilots. The board helps protect public health, safety and welfare by ensuring that only competent and qualified individuals are allowed to pilot large vessels into Oregon ports and along rivers. The board establishes license requirements for pilots, qualifies applicants, selects pilot trainees and apprentices, provides for license examination, issues new or renewal licenses and investigates incidents that occur while a vessel is under the guidance of a state licensed pilot. The board is funded solely by annual license fees paid by the pilots. The Board of Maritime Pilots' last license fee increase was approved by the 1991 Legislature. HB 2277 increases the maximum annual maritime pilot license fee from \$1,500 to \$2,500. The measure further authorizes the Board of Maritime Pilots to adjust license fees each biennium from the \$1,500 baseline, up to the \$2,500 maximum, based on the Portland-Salem Consumer Price Index.

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