

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
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Meeting Dates:	3/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows shipbreaking in Oregon only in dry dock. Defines terms. Allows person to dismantle ship that has been shipwrecked in the waters of this state for purposes of removal if the Department of State Lands determines that it is physically impracticable to move the shipwreck to dry dock. Deletes reference to "Oregon's territorial sea" and replaces with "the waters of this state". Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process of breaking apart a ship for disposal
- Hazardous and toxic substances potentially released during shipbreaking
- Endangered species carried on ships that may be introduced to local waters during shipbreaking
- Potential impact of releases on worker health, fisheries and coastal water quality

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Defines "Ship" to mean a vessel that weighs in excess of 200 tons and operates upon navigable waters. Defines "Shipwreck" to mean a ship that has been stranded or destroyed by being driven ashore or onto the rocks or the shoal. Defines "Waters of this state" as the meaning given under ORS 196.800. Deletes reference to "Oregon's territorial sea" and replaces with "the waters of this state". Allows person to dismantle a ship that has been shipwrecked in the waters of this state for purposes of removal if the Department of State Lands determines that it is physically impracticable to move the shipwreck to a dry dock.

BACKGROUND: Currently no state limitation exists on the location of dismantling ships in Oregon. SB 432A restricts shipbreaking to occur in dry dock only for those vessels over 200 tons unless the Department of State Lands determines that it is impractical for a shipwreck to be moved to dry dock for dismantling. The measure applies to vessels in the waters of this state. Under ORS 196.800 (15), "Waters of this state" means natural waterways including all tidal and nontidal bays, intermittent streams, constantly flowing streams, lakes, wetlands and other bodies of water in this state, navigable and nonnavigable, including that portion of the Pacific Ocean which is in the boundaries of this state (out to three miles from shore).