

## STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities

**REVENUE: No revenue impact****FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued**


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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 2
<b>Yeas:</b>	Beyer, Krieger, Roblan, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Gilliam, Schaufler
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/31, 4/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Defines “aquatic invasive species” and “recreational or commercial watercraft.” Authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the State Marine Board, and the Department of Agriculture (ODA) to operate check stations for the purpose of inspecting watercraft for aquatic invasive species. Authorizes agencies to decontaminate or to recommend decontamination of watercraft inspected at check stations. Requires check stations to be plainly marked by signs and to be staffed by at least one uniformed agency employee trained in inspection and decontamination of boats. Requires agencies to report biennially to the Legislature on efforts to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering Oregon; first report is due by March 1, 2011. Subjects to civil penalty a person who knowingly transports aquatic invasive species on or in a boat. Civil penalty amount to be determined by ODFW director and not to exceed \$6,250. Second or subsequent violation within a five year period subject to civil penalty not less than \$5,000 or more than \$15,000. Civil penalty provisions do not apply to person who transports invasive species in ballast water; complies with instructions for proper decontamination given by agency employee; or transports aquatic invasive species to ODFW or ODA, or to another destination designated by the Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule, for the purposes of identifying or reporting an aquatic invasive species.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Threat of aquatic invasive species
- Need to allow authorities to stop watercraft being hauled into Oregon from out-of-state to check for invasive species attached to hulls, boat trailers, etc.
- Need for cleaning stations to remove infestations before boat launching in state
- Constitutionality of traffic stops; scope; voluntariness
- Current lack of funding

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon is increasingly at-risk of aquatic species infestation. Other states attempting to address infestations after-the-fact are spending billions on eradication efforts. Oregon is trying to stay ahead of a potentially devastating problem by focusing on prevention, educating the public, and training law enforcement. HB 2220 A is one piece of that effort.

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