

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Walker

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 20 – 1 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields

Nays: Richardson

Exc: G. Smith

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 18, 2009

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** The bill authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), and Department of Agriculture (ODA) to operate check stations for the purpose of inspecting for and decontaminating watercraft from invasive species; directs ODFW to report biennially to the Legislative Assembly on efforts to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering the state; and, authorizes ODFW to impose civil penalties to persons who knowingly transport aquatic invasive species on or in watercraft. The bill also directs OMB to charge fees for aquatic invasive species prevention permits. The fees for the permits would be \$5 for motorboats, \$5 for manually propelled boats over ten feet in length, \$20 for nonresidents and annual fees for operators of boat liveries.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Affects of invasive species on hydroelectric power generation
- Need to act now and not wait
- Accuracy of revenue estimates

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Authorizes OSMB to collect invasive species permit fees and reimburse ODFW and OSP for expenses associated with the program.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon is increasingly at-risk of aquatic species infestation and this bill addresses that threat.