

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/5, 5/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Prohibits launching of boat into waters of state if boat has any visible aquatic species on its exterior hull, or aquatic invasive species within interior parts of boat (including bilge). Authorizes State Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) in consultation with State Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to allow presence of certain aquatic species on or within a boat. Requires State Marine Board to provide information to public about rules adopted by Commission. Designates violation of launch prohibition as Class B violation, punishable by maximum fine of \$360.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Impact of invasive species on the state's waterways
- Instances of invasive species being brought into Oregon on boats

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Defines "aquatic invasive species" and "launch." Clarifies that person is prohibited from launching boat if it has any visible aquatic species on its exterior or any aquatic invasive species within its interior. Authorizes Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) in consultation with Department of Agriculture to adopt rules to allow presence of certain aquatic species on or within a boat. Requires State Marine Board to provide information to public about rules adopted by Commission.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon waterways are increasingly at risk from invasive plant and animal species. Other states attempting to address aquatic invasive species 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. House Bill 2583A represents a piece of that effort.