

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

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

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**Action:** Do Pass as Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 8 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Beyer, Gilliam, Krieger, Roblan, Schaufler, VanOrman, Wingard, Clem

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/5, 3/31

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates the Shipping Transport of Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force. Authorizes the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality to appoint members who represent the interests of this state and federal, State of Washington, maritime, environmental and academic interests. Directs Senate President and House Speaker to each appoint two members to serve in an advisory capacity. Directs Task Force, in consultation with Invasive Species Council, to submit a report to an interim legislative committee related to natural resources no later than June 1, 2010. Sunsets Task Force on January 2, 2012. Creates exception regarding ballast water discharge. Allows rulemaking by Department of Environmental Quality regarding ballast water discharge. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Continuance of task force and appointments; who and how
- Broad support for task force
- Need for ballast water standards
- Oregon playing catchup with Washington and California; need to prevent vessels from entering the Columbia for purpose of discharge that is prohibited by neighboring states
- Rulemaking the most appropriate/responsive means

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Change reference to support by the Department of Environmental Quality. Changes report due date. Create exception regarding ballast water discharge and allows the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt rules regarding same.

**BACKGROUND:** Oregon waterways are increasingly at risk from invasive aquatic species. 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. House Bill 2714-A creates a Task Force dedicated to keep abreast of the threat and allows for some improved adaptability to issues surrounding discharge of ballast water.