

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Shipping Transport of Aquatic Invasive Species Task Force (Task Force). Authorizes Director of Department of Environmental Quality to appoint members who represent 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:

- Goal is to be consistent with Washington and California
- Economic and ecological threats of aquatic non-indigenous species

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 2714A creates a Task Force dedicated to keep abreast of the threat and allows for some improved adaptability to issues surrounding discharge of ballast water.