

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:	5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Declares policy of the state to protect water quality by controlling discharge of sewage, gray water, and hazardous materials from passenger vessels and, to the extent allowed by federal law, prohibiting discharge of sewage from passenger vessels. Directs Department of Environmental Quality (Department) to study impact of vessel discharges on water quality and reasonable availability of adequate facilities for safe and sanitary removal of sewage from passenger vehicles. Directs Department to report results of study to the Legislative Assembly on or before January 14, 2011. Repeals Act on January 2, 2012.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relationship to other measures passed this session
- Cruise ships generally discharge ballast water 12 miles out

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: There is concern about an increasing number of cruise ships entering Oregon waters and interest in ensuring that adequate protections are in place with respect to water quality. House Bill 3123A directs the Department to study this issue and report to the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly.