

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bonamici, Boquist, Dingfelder, Whitsett, Prozanski
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/18, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies the authority of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots to issue subpoenas for investigatory purposes. Allows the Board of Maritime Pilots to enter a ship for investigatory purposes if the ship is open to the public. Requires warrant for inspections of ships that are not open to the public and entrance is denied by the owner.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Deletes the word “search” from “search warrant” to clarify that warrant authority includes civil or administrative investigative warrants. The Board of Maritime Pilots rarely investigates criminal matters.

BACKGROUND: The Board of Maritime Pilots currently has the authority to hold hearings and subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, take depositions, fix the fee and mileage of witnesses and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of records. SB 601A adds the ability to enter a ship, premises or facility to the board’s authority for investigatory purposes. However, if an owner denies entrance and the ship, premises or facility is not open to the public, the board must obtain a warrant to enter.