

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 2220 **STATUS:** A Engrossed
SUBJECT: Check stations for inspecting watercraft for aquatic invasive species
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Marine Board,
Department of Agriculture, Judicial Department and State Police
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	<u>2009-2011</u>	<u>2011-2013</u>
EXPENDITURES: See Comments.		

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill authorizes the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the State Marine Board (OMB), and Department of Agriculture (ODA) to operate check stations for the purpose of inspecting for and decontaminating watercraft from invasive species; directs ODFW to report biennially to the Legislative Assembly on efforts to prevent aquatic invasive species from entering the state; and, authorizes ODFW to impose civil penalties to persons who knowingly transport aquatic invasive species on or in watercraft.

The fiscal impact associated with the bill is indeterminate as it authorizes agencies to operate check stations; however, it does not direct agencies to take action. If check stations were to be set-up, the associated costs would include travel expenses, equipment and signs, and staff time. Further, these associated costs will be impacted by the number of check stations held, station location, duration of the inspection, and the findings that result from the inspections.

ODFW indicates that the costs associated with rulemaking to implement the civil penalty provisions of the bill and reporting requirements can be implemented with existing Other Funds resources. Revenues associated with civil penalties would be deposited with ODFW as Other Funds; however, the amount of these additional revenues is indeterminate and expected to be minimal.

The OMB, State Police and the Judicial Department anticipate that their participation in implementation of the bill will be minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources.

ODA has not provided fiscal information at this time. The Legislative Fiscal Office anticipates that the Department's participation in check stations will be limited to what might be provided with existing resources.