

House Bill 2984

Sponsored by Representative WITT

SUMMARY

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Authorizes Department of State Police, State Department of Fish and Wildlife and State Marine Board to require persons transporting recreational or commercial watercraft to stop at checkpoint for inspection of watercraft for presence of aquatic invasive species.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to aquatic invasive species.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Aquatic invasive species" means any fish, shellfish, mollusk, crustacean or marine**
6 **or freshwater invertebrate as specified by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission by rule**
7 **or any aquatic noxious weeds as specified by the State Department of Agriculture by rule.**

8 (b) **"Recreational or commercial watercraft" means any boat, any equipment used to**
9 **transport a boat and any auxiliary equipment for a boat, including but not limited to at-**
10 **tached or detached outboard motors.**

11 (2) **The Department of State Police, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the**
12 **State Marine Board are authorized to require persons transporting recreational or commer-**
13 **cial watercraft to stop at checkpoints for the purpose of inspecting the recreational or**
14 **commercial watercraft for the presence of aquatic invasive species.**

15 (3) **All checkpoints must be plainly marked by signs that comply with all state and federal**
16 **laws and staffed by at least one employee of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife who**
17 **wears a uniform of the department.**

18 (4) **If the Department of State Police, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife or the**
19 **State Marine Board finds aquatic invasive species on a recreational or commercial**
20 **watercraft, the person shall comply with all instructions for the proper decontamination of**
21 **the watercraft given by an employee authorized under subsection (2) of this section to stop**
22 **or inspect recreational or commercial watercraft.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.