

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Jenson  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Dingfelder

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 20 – 4 – 1

House

Yeas: Beyer, Buckley, Cowan, Komp, Kotek, McLane, Nathanson, Nolan, G. Smith, Whisnant

Nays: Freeman, Garrard, Thatcher

Exc: Richardson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Whitsett, Winters

Nays: Thomsen

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 3, 2011

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Authorizes Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Marine Board (Board), or Department of Agriculture (ODA) to require a person transporting recreational or commercial watercraft to stop at a check station to inspect for aquatic invasive species. Declares purpose of administrative search is to prevent and limit spread of aquatic invasive species. Authorizes ODFW, Board or ODA to decontaminate or recommend decontamination. Stipulates agency operating check stations must require all persons transporting recreational or commercial watercraft to stop and be inspected. Stipulates person transporting recreational or commercial watercraft who stops at check station for inspection and who cooperates in decontamination process is not subject to criminal sanctions for possessing or transporting aquatic invasive species. Authorizes ODFW, Board and ODA to adopt rules. Establishes person who fails to stop and submit to inspection commits a Class D violation. Authorizes enforcement officer to issue citation when violation did not take place in presence of officer if officer receives information from employee of an agency operating check station who observed violation. Declares emergency, takes effect on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fiscal impact of the bill
- Implementation strategy so that no new staff are needed

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** In 2009, House Bill 2220 established the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program which authorized the Marine Board, ODFW, and ODA to establish voluntary check points to inspect watercraft for aquatic invasive species. Watercraft can carry quagga/zebra mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, and other invasive aquatic species that can cause economic and environmental damage to ecosystems and water delivery systems. Recently a zebra mussel was discovered on a watercraft in the southern part of the state.