

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass

Vote: 23 – 1 – 1

House

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

Nays: Freeman

Exc:

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc: Bates

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Meeting Date: May 13, 2011

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Authorizes Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to collect \$70 per trip for vessels regulated under ballast water statutes. Provides revenue for to DEQ to monitor, screen, and inspect vessels and ballast water; manage aquatic invasive species; coordinate activities with other agencies and states; and perform stakeholder outreach and education.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Revenue assumed in DEQ budget
- Cost avoidance by funding this work

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: DEQ administers the Ballast Water Management program to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species from the discharge of ballast water. Oregon law requires vessels to take certain preventative actions when discharging ballast water in state waters. DEQ monitors compliance through screening, inspections and ballast water sampling.