
MEMORANDUM

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To: *Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee*

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Date: May 31, 2013

Subject: *SB 851 - A*
Work Session Recommendations

SB 851 – A relates to the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots

The measure, original staff measure summary, preliminary Joint Committee on Ways and Means staff measure summary, and fiscal impact statement are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS).

The measure previously had a work session in the Senate Judiciary Committee on April 18, 2013 and was referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means by order of the President with a “do pass” recommendation.

The measure has a \$449,173 Other Funds fiscal impact and a \$304,000 revenue impact for the 2013-15 biennium. The impact to the 2015-17 biennium is \$249,173 Other Funds fiscal impact and a \$304,000 revenue impact.

Conceptual Amendment:

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends additional Other Funds expenditure limitation and position authority pursuant to the Fiscal Impact of the bill, and that the subcommittee approve a conceptual amendment to add \$449,173 Other Funds expenditure limitation to the 2013-15 budget for the Board of Maritime Pilots to administer the provisions of SB 851-A.

Motion #1: Approve a conceptual amendment to SB 851-A to add expenditure limitation in the amount of \$449,173 Other Funds to the 2013-15 budget for the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots.

Recommendation:

The Legislative Fiscal Office recommends that SB 851 – A be moved to the full Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a do pass recommendation, as conceptually amended.

Motion #2: Move SB 851 – A to the full committee with a “do pass” recommendation, as conceptually amended.

Assignment of Carriers:

Full: _____

2nd Chamber: _____

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Fiscal: Fiscal Impact Statement Issued

Action:

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: 5/30/2013

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires each licensee to collect a board operations fee from each vessel using their services to fund the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots. Describes when fee will be collected in the Columbia River, Willamette River, Coos Bay and Yaquina Bay. Allows board to make procedures for collecting fee. Requires quarterly review of fee by board, enables adjustment of fee subject to approval by the Department of Administrative Services and, if adjusted, requires report to the Emergency Board. Limits the fee to \$100 per vessel and indexes the fee each biennium. States that the Pilot Account may be used to carry out duties of the board. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds expenditure limitation to the 2013-15 budget for the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots for administration of the provisions of SB 851-A.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and is established under the Public Utility Commission which is responsible for administrative oversight of the board. Currently PUC has the authority to determine the salary, qualifications and appoint an administrative officer for the board. Senate Bill 851 as amended allows the board to collect a fee and will enable the board to hire a part-time executive director.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 851 - A

Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
Legislative Fiscal Office

*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
Versions are Considered Official*

Prepared by: Krista McDowell
Reviewed by: Michelle Deister
Date: 4/22/2013

Measure Description:

Directs Public Utility Commission to appoint executive director of Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Public Utility Commission (PUC)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
Other Funds	449,173	249,173
Total Funds	\$449,173	\$249,173
Positions	1	1
FTE	0.50	0.50
Summary of Revenue Impact		
	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
Other Funds	304,000	304,000
Total Funds	\$304,000	\$304,000

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.

Analysis:

This bill directs Public Utility Commission to appoint an Executive Director of Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots and imposes a maximum board operations fee of \$100 for vessels entering or leaving specified locations. The bill states that the fee moneys are to be used to carry out the duties, functions and powers of the Board.

One (.50 FTE) Executive Director position appointment is estimated to cost \$125,173 Other Funds (OF) per biennium. Additional expenses to the Board include a National Transportation Safety Board requirement to conduct and implement a one-time "Sleep Fatigue and Alertness Study" which is estimated to cost \$200,000 OF in the 2013-15 biennium. The Board also plans to conduct one medical records certification review per biennium at a cost of \$24,000 OF for contract labor and expenses. License appeals that are handled by the board are also estimated at \$100,000 OF per biennium.

Revenue projections are based on an estimated 3,040 vessel transits per year with initial assessment fee set at \$50.