77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Energy & Environment

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 5 - 4 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Dembrow, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Bailey

Nays: Bentz, Johnson, Weidner, Whitsett

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits person from using motor to propel boat or use seaplane to land on or take off from Waldo Lake with exception for boats propelled by electric motors operating at speeds less than 10 miles per hour. Establishes person who violates Act commits Class B violation. Establishes Marine Board shall have power and duty to regulate boats that are seaplanes in cooperation with State Aviation Board for purposes of Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

MEASURE: SB 602 A

CARRIER: Rep. Holvey

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Previous Marine Board public input process
- Waldo Lake history and characteristics
- Current uses in and around Waldo Lake
- Number of visitors and seaplane landings per year
- Scenic waterway regulation

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Waldo Lake, located at an elevation of 5,414 feet near the crest of the Cascade Range, is one of the largest natural lakes in Oregon. Waldo Lake's surface area is 6,298 acres and it is the second deepest lake in the state after Crater Lake; maximum depth is 420 feet and the mean depth is 128 feet. Waldo Lake is one of the purest lakes in the world. It has no permanent inlet to bring nutrients into the lake for plant growth. Senate Bill 602 A prohibits a person from using a motor to propel a boat or use a seaplane to land on or take off from Waldo Lake. The Act provides an exception for boats that are propelled by an electric motor and operating at less than 10 miles per hour.