

**PRELIMINARY** STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

**Action:**

**Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/4

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts from lease requirements privately owned structures on state-owned submerged and submersible lands that were constructed prior to January 1, 1916.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** The people of Oregon are the owners of the submerged and submersible land ("beds and banks") underlying all navigable and tidally-influenced waters. In most cases, this ownership, which was granted by the federal government when Oregon became a state, extends to the line of ordinary high water or high tide. The State of Oregon, through the State Land Board and Department of State Lands, oversees the submerged and submersible lands under the territorial sea (i.e., oceanward to the three mile limit), tidally influenced land, and the non-tidally influenced beds and banks of 12 rivers and a number of lakes in the state. The Department of State Lands is responsible for most of the day-to-day management of publicly owned submerged and submersible land. The revenue from leases and authorizations for waterway uses, such as marinas, docks, floating homes and wharfs, is deposited into the Common School Fund.