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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
HB 2459: Relating to adjusting fees assessed by the Oregon Marine
Board for boat titling and registration

Clackamas County supports HB 2459: The Board of County Commissioners supports HB 2459, which will increase the fees charged by the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) for titling and registration of certain watercraft. OSMB fees, which have not been updated since 2003, are dedicated revenues and statutorily required to remain with the OSMB budget, directly benefitting boaters. Grant dollars and the Maintenance Assistance Program (MAP) come from the titling fee to fund maintenance and operations of boating facilities, as well as support marine law enforcement.

Clackamas County Parks receives approximately \$25,000 per year in MAP funds to support repairs, replacement, and improvements to its boating facilities at Hebb, Boones, Carver, and Barton boat ramps. Clackamas County Parks is currently applying to OSMB to replace the Hebb Park boat dock – a \$420,000 project that would see \$315,000 come from OSMB funding. In addition, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District receives \$3,600 per year for boat ramp maintenance at the Milwaukie Riverfront Boat Ramp.

Clackamas County, with its many well used river access points, recognizes the importance of safe and well maintained facilities to benefit boaters along with the associated recreation economy. OSMB funding, through the increased OSMB fee schedule, is critical for continuing to leverage limited local resources to support the necessary investment in boating facilities and marine law enforcement. We urge a “yes” vote on HB 2459.

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