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# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** *Natural Resources Subcommittee*

**From:** *Tim Walker, Legislative Fiscal Office*  
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**Date:** June 2, 2015

**Subject:** *HB 2459*  
*Work Session*

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HB 2459 increases certain fees related to registering and titling boats, floating homes, and boathouses.

The Work Session packet, including measure, staff measure summary, and amendment are available on the Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS). The measure has a revenue impact and a fiscal impact.

## **Amendment**

The –1 amendment changes the per foot registration fee from \$5 to \$4.50.

**Motion #1: Move the –1 amendment to HB 2459.**

The measure is recommended to be moved to the full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

**Motion #2: Move HB 2459 to the full committee with a “do pass”, as amended, recommendation.**

## **Chair to assign carriers:**

**Full:** \_\_\_\_\_

**House:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2459 - 1**

Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office

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

Prepared by: Krista McDowell  
Reviewed by: Tim Walker  
Date: 5/21/2015

**Measure Description:**

Increases certain fees related to registering and titling boats, floating homes and boathouses.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon State Marine Board

**Summary of Revenue Impact:**

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
Other Funds	4,701,582	4,701,582
Federal Funds	500,000	500,000
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$5,201,582</b>	<b>\$5,201,582</b>

**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:**

HB 2459, with the -1 amendment, is the fee bill for the Oregon Marine Board and would increase statutory fees to generate revenue sufficient to maintain Boating Safety and Boating Facility programs. These fee increases are anticipated to generate \$4.7 million Other Fund revenues and \$500,000 Federal Funds to the facility investment program.

The bill amends the following fee amounts as follows:

Sail Boats 12 feet and all Motor Boats per foot fee	\$ 3 to \$4.50
Boat Rentals Business of 5 boats biennial setup fee	\$55 to \$90
Boat Rental biennial per-boat fee	\$ 6 to \$10
Title original or transfer	\$30 to \$50
Duplicate Title with no changes	\$15 to \$25
Duplicate Registration or Certificate of Number	\$10 to \$15
Duplicate Decals	\$10 to \$15
Dealer Biennial setup fee	\$28 to \$45
Dealer biennial per-boat fee	\$ 6 to \$10
Floating Home or Boathouse Certificate of Title original or transfer	\$20 to \$100
Floating Home or Boathouse Title Owner or Location change	\$20 to \$100
Floating Home or Boathouse Identifying Plate	\$20 to \$50
Floating Home or Boathouse Duplicate Title	\$20 to \$50

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

**Prepared By:** Timothy Walker, Fiscal Administrative Supervisor

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases fees related to registering and titling of boats, floating homes and boathouses.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Review of agency operations and responsibilities
- Significant time since many fees have been increased
- Boat ramps and other infrastructure needs
- On-water law enforcement

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Changes the registration fees for boats greater than 12 fee from \$5/foot in the original bill to \$4.50/foot.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Marine Board is the state's regulatory agency for recreational boating. The Board provides education, enforcement, access and environmental stewardship to help make boating a safe and enjoyable experience. The Board receives approximately 66 percent of its funding from boat registration fees, boat titles and the motorboat fuel tax; many of these revenue sources have remained unchanged since 2003, while revenues from the motorboat fuel tax has decreased by 19 percent in that same time. As a result, the Board's revenues have been unable to keep pace with expenditures since 2009.