

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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

Action Date:

Action:

Meeting Dates:

Vote:

Prepared By: Timothy Walker, Fiscal Administrative Supervisor

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.