

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

Action Date: 04/15/15

Action: Without Recommendation As To Passage And Be Referred To Ways And Means.

Meeting Dates: 04/01, 04/15

Vote:

Yeas: 6 - Bentz, Davis, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

Exc: 1 - Gorsek

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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:

No amendment.

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.