

HB 2695 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts certain towing vessels and their towed barges from requirement that Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots licensee pilot vessel.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Jones Act applicability
- Historically no bar pilot on tugs in the coasting trade
- Domestic vs. international
- Customs clearing process
- Federal Preemption
- Pilotage fees in Coos Bay

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Limits effect of bill to the Coos pilotage grounds.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute requires a bar pilot for vessels traversing the Columbia River Bar, Coos Bay, and Yaquina Bay. House Bill 2695 exempts vessels engaged in the coasting trade between British Columbia and Oregon when the towing vessel is under control of an individual holding the appropriate federal mariner license.