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Representative Caddy McKeown
Chair, House Committee on Transportation Policy
900 Court St NE, H-47
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: Support HB 2320 – Non-Motorized Boating Program

Dear Representative McKeown:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Portland Kayak and Canoe Team, I am writing in support of House Bill 2320 – Non-Motorized Boating Program.

The Portland Kayak and Canoe Team is a non-profit, volunteer athletic club promoting flatwater kayaking and canoeing for fitness and competition. We operate from the Oaks Park Community Boathouse on the Willamette River in Portland. Club membership is open to all adults who meet water safety requirements. We also sponsor a junior racing team for ages 11-17, coached by volunteer club members.

We support the provisions of HB 2320 as proposed by the Marine Board, including:

- The proposed fees
- Implementation via a permit tag carried in the non-motorized boat, as is done now with the Invasive Species Tag. No requirement for permit numbers or markings affixed to the boat.
- Funding for law enforcement on the water, particularly of speed limits and no-wake zones on the Willamette River in Portland
- Funding for water safety, voluntary boater education, and access improvements

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "R. Trismen". The signature is written over a horizontal line that spans the width of the signature area.

Robert C. Trismen
President
Portland Kayak and Canoe Team

copy: Committee members, committee staff