

HB 2320 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation Policy

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/1, 4/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Non-Motorized Boating Program within the Oregon State Marine Board, with funding provided by non-motorized boating permits. Requires persons using non-motorized craft on river or stream to wear life jacket. Becomes operative on January 1, 2018 and allows the Board to take necessary actions to ensure the implementation of the bill by the operative date.

Has subsequent referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Increase in use of waterways by non-motorized boats
- Increase in law enforcement demands
- Establishment of safety program tailored to non-motorized boaters
- Requiring permit could be a barrier to participation
- Paddlers are subsidizing liveries that offer float trips

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Adds a \$3 per foot fee on all canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, inflatable row boats, float tubes, and other hand launched boats and use an electric motor for propulsion.

-2 Replaces the bill. Establishes the Non-Motorized Boating Program within the Oregon State Marine Board, with funding provided by non-motorized boating permits. Deletes requirement that persons using non-motorized craft on river or stream to wear life jacket. Becomes operative on January 1, 2018 and allows the Board to take necessary actions to ensure the implementation of the bill by the operative date.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015 the Legislative Assembly directed, via a budget note, the Oregon State Marine Board to "continue public outreach to non-motorized boaters with respect to a methodology for licensing non-motorized boats and return to the 2017 Legislative Assembly with a formal proposal and a legislative concept for implementation of the fee."