

HB 2900 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 05/03/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Riley, Thomsen
Exc: 1 - Monroe
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes ports to advertise activities of the port and activities of others using port facilities.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Types of activities and events that occur at ports
- Clarification to ensure ports can continue current practice

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's system of 23 public ports play an important role in helping Oregon products begin their journeys to markets throughout the world. Nine ports are on the Columbia River system, including the deep-water ports of Astoria, St. Helens and Portland, while 14 ports are on the Oregon coast.

Currently, under ORS 777.240, Oregon ports are authorized to advertise and promote the facilities and commerce of the port. This authority does not allow ports to advertise non-commerce activities that take place at the port's facilities. House Bill 2900 specifies that the ports may advertise other activities.