

HB 4138 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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Meeting Dates: 2/12, 2/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the State Marine Board to make special regulations, at the request of the Department of State Lands, relating to the operation of motorboats to minimize and prevent erosion. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL:

REVENUE:

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Duties and responsibilities of Oregon State Marine Board
- Whether there is scientific data connecting boat wakes to shore erosion
- Existing administrative rule restrictions on wakeboarding
- Impacts of powerful motorboats on landowners and other river users
- Other causes of shore erosion
- Wakeboarding as a recreational activity

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) is the state's regulatory agency for maintaining safe access and use of Oregon's waterways; providing education and enforcement for the boating public, and helping to address environmental stewardship. The Board is funded by user fees paid by motorized boat owners and users. The Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) is responsible for stewardship of lands, wetlands, waterways, unclaimed property, estates and the Common School Fund.