

HB 4138 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Kennemer

Action Date: 02/14/18
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 6-2-1-0
Yeas: 6 - Bonham, Evans, McLain, Noble, Vial, Wilson
Nays: 2 - Meek, Salinas
Exc: 1 - Witt
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes the State Marine Board to adopt rules, 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.

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
- Whether Oregon State Marine Board is correct agency to analyze riverbank erosion

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Marine Board 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 is responsible for stewardship of lands, wetlands, and waterways.