

Requested by Representative VIAL

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 4099**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “motorboats;” delete the rest  
2 of the line and insert “and prescribing an effective date.

3 “Whereas Oregonians enjoy using motorboats for recreational activities  
4 such as water skiing, fishing and wakeboating; and

5 “Whereas the use of motorboats generates wakes, which vary in size and  
6 strength, depending upon the size and speed of the motorboat; and

7 “Whereas large wakes may create conflict with other recreational activ-  
8 ities, such as canoeing and kayaking; and

9 “Whereas large wakes may create additional erosion of shorelines and  
10 damage to docks, thereby creating conflict with property owners of adjacent  
11 shoreline properties; and

12 “Whereas the State Marine Board has attempted to address potential  
13 conflicts between motorboat users, shoreline property owners and others  
14 through administrative rules, but its efforts have been largely unsuccessful  
15 due to a lack of funding for rule enforcement; and

16 “Whereas motorboats have increased in size and weight over the years  
17 and thus now generate larger and more powerful wakes; and

18 “Whereas legislative bodies in various states and countries have begun  
19 to address the conflicts created by the impact of large motorboat wakes on  
20 property owners, the environment and other water users; and

21 “Whereas the board has adopted rules prohibiting the use by motorboats

1 of devices that intentionally create amplified wakes on certain segments of  
2 Oregon rivers, including the Willamette River; and

3 “Whereas the Legislative Assembly wishes to achieve a balance, allowing  
4 motorboat enthusiasts to engage in recreational activities that generate  
5 large wakes, while minimizing the negative impacts that those large wakes  
6 have on shoreline property owners, the environment and other water users;  
7 now, therefore,”.

8 Delete lines 4 through 29 and delete page 2 and insert:

9 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Motorboat Water Sports and  
10 Recreational Activities is established.**

11 **“(2) The task force consists of 10 members appointed as follows:**

12 **“(a) The President of the Senate shall appoint:**

13 **“(A) One member from among members of the Senate.**

14 **“(B) One member who owns shoreline property.**

15 **“(C) One member who represents an Oregon environmental organ-  
16 ization.**

17 **“(D) One member who owns a motorboat.**

18 **“(E) One member who represents the water sports industry.**

19 **“(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:**

20 **“(A) One member from among members of the House of Represen-  
21 tatives.**

22 **“(B) One member who owns shoreline property.**

23 **“(C) One member who represents an Oregon environmental organ-  
24 ization.**

25 **“(D) One member who owns a motorboat.**

26 **“(E) One member who represents the water sports industry.**

27 **“(3) The task force shall study the conflicts between motorboat us-  
28 ers, shoreline property owners and other persons who enjoy recre-  
29 ational activities on the water.**

30 **“(4) A majority of the voting members of the task force constitutes**

1 a quorum for the transaction of business.

2 “(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a  
3 majority of the voting members of the task force.

4 “(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as  
5 chairperson.

6 “(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority  
7 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

8 “(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the  
9 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the voting members of the  
10 task force.

11 “(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of  
12 the task force.

13 “(10) The task force shall submit a report in the manner provided  
14 by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to  
15 an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to the en-  
16 vironment and natural resources no later than September 15, 2019.

17 “(11) The State Marine Board shall provide staff support to the task  
18 force.

19 “(12) Members of the Legislative Assembly appointed to the task  
20 force are nonvoting members of the task force and may act in an ad-  
21 visory capacity only.

22 “(13) Members of the task force who are not members of the Leg-  
23 islative Assembly are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement  
24 for expenses and serve as volunteers on the task force.

25 “(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111,  
26 are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task  
27 force’s duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to  
28 confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the  
29 task force consider necessary to perform their duties.

30 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2018 Act is repealed on December 31,

1 2019.

2       “SECTION 3. This 2018 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
3 date on which the 2018 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative  
4 Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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