

HB 2078 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 2/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes provision allowing new boat owners to operate boat for 60 days before obtaining boater education card. Removes provision allowing nonresidents to operate boat with more than 10 horsepower for less than 60 consecutive days without boating safety education card. Clarifies nonresidents in possession of boating safety education card approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators meets card requirement. Clarifies statutory language regarding boating safety education cards and other terms.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, the Oregon legislature enacted House Bill 2977, which established a boat safety education program. The bill requires that a person pass an examination which tests for the minimum standard of boating safety, establishes a fee for the boat safety education certificate, and allows new boat owners 60 days under a temporary permit before obtaining their required boat education.

House Bill 2078 would remove provisions allowing new boat owners to operate a boat for 60 days before obtaining a boating safety education card and allowing nonresidents to operate boats with more than 10 horsepower for less than 60 consecutive days without a boating safety education card.