

HB 2078 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates: 4/25, 5/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes provision allowing new boat owners to operate boat for 60 days before obtaining boating safety 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. Specifies that nonresidents in possession of boating safety education card approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators meet card requirement. Clarifies statutory language regarding minimum standards for boating safety education, education cards, and other terms.

Minimal fiscal impact; no revenue impact

House vote: Ayes, 56; Nays, 1--Evans; Excused, 2--Meek, Smith G; Excused for Business of the House, 1--Rayfield

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of boating safety education requirement
- 43 other states require boating safety education
- Time required to complete boating safety class

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

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

House Bill 2078 A 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.