

Chair Dembrow and members of the Committee:

My name is Clint Brumitt. I am 73 years old and I approached my Representative, Nancy Nathanson with a problem.

In the last few years I have developed arthritis in both thumbs to the extent I can only row a boat on a lake for just minutes compared to all day like I used to. I knew that Hosmer Lake had a boating regulation that allowed for the use of an electric motor, and like Gold Lake which I fish a fair amount, it is also managed as a fly fishing only lake. I hemmed and hawed for quite awhile until last fall fishing with a friend. Our conversation went something like this. "Clint, can you row a while my back is killing me?" "Bruce, I am good for 15 or 20 minutes with my thumbs." I realized I was not the only one of my generation that had a problem.

Research showed that Gold Lake and a small number of other lakes were not managed by the State Marine Board, but by the Oregon Legislature. Staff for Rep. Nathanson indicated this happened in the early 1960's.

In our discussion we concluded it would be most effective to ask that we make this series of lakes managed by the Marine Board rather than asking this body to do the regulations on each individual body.

Out of that discussion came HB 3168 that we are discussing today.

I ask that you support and pass this bill so we can approach the agency that handles the rule making in the state for lakes. I would like to be able to fish this lake and navigate without using oars. Thank you for your time and study on this bill.

Clint Brumitt