

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 47

Relating to small watercraft

SB 47 establishes new fees on nonmotorized boats over ten feet, dedicating the revenues to the Waterway Access Fund within the Oregon State Marine Board for the purpose of awarding grants to fund land acquisition for construction and maintenance of boating facilities that serve non-motorized boaters; as well as grants to public bodies, tribal governments, and non-profit boater safety education courses; and for purchasing equipment to use for projects that reduce barriers for under-served communities.

The legislation also establishes a new 1-week waterway access permit which would dedicate \$1 of every permit sale to the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund. The bill establishes a 2-year fee of \$30 per boat, a 1-year fee of \$17 per boat, and a weekly fee of \$5 per boat. The permit is transferrable. The bill will generate an estimated \$1.4 million Other Funds per biennium. The Marine Board must also submit two reports regarding the implementation of this legislation to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2020; and the second no later than September 15, 2021.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends SB 47 be reported out do pass.