

HB 2351 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Rep. Gorsek**House Committee On Natural Resources****Action Date:** 03/28/19**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 6-0-1-0**Yeas:** 6 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Witt**Exc:** 1 - Sprenger**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Kailey Kornhauser, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/14, 3/7, 3/28**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) to adopt special regulations for boat operation on the Willamette River within the Willamette River Greenway, including establishment of designated speed and other methods for the protection of shoreline, public and private property, fish and wildlife habitat, and vegetation. Requires OSMB, when adopting special regulations, to consider Department of Land Conservation and Development Commission statewide land use planning goals and guidelines to protect, conserve, and maintain: natural, scenic, historical, agricultural, economic, and recreational qualities of land along Willamette River Greenway. Exempts tugboats, towboats, barges, launch vessels, and other commercial vessels from special regulations on Willamette River mile 0 to 26.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Wave energy
- Shore erosion
- Oregon State Marine Board rulemaking
- Willamette River Greenway
- Statewide land use planning goals

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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BACKGROUND:

In 1967, Oregon Governor Tom McCall proposed the idea of a greenway to enhance the scenic, recreational, historic, natural, and agricultural qualities along the Willamette River. The boundaries of the Willamette River Greenway were identified and adopted in the 1980s. Statewide Land Use Goal 15 specifically pertains to the Willamette River Greenway, and requires that adjacent cities and counties adopt local plans and development criteria.

The Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) is currently authorized to make special regulations, including designation of boat speed and prohibition of motorboats, for the protection of game and game fish at the request of the

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Oregon State Fish and Wildlife Commission, or for carrying out other natural resources laws.

House Bill 2351 A would authorize OSMB to adopt special regulations to manage boat wake energy within the Willamette River Greenway.