

**HB 3168 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Nathanson

**House Committee On Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 04/02/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 7-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/28, 4/2

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes the Oregon State Marine Board to adopt rules authorizing operation of boats propelled by electric motors at slow-no wake speed on specific lakes in Clackamas, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Lane, Linn, Marion, and Wasco counties. Clarifies that federal government and public bodies with jurisdiction may use motor boats on specific waters. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Physical ability to paddle a boat
- Boat safety
- Oregon State Marine Board rule-making process

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Marine Board (Board) is authorized to regulate, through administrative rules, boating in specific locations or on specific waterways. The Board may make special regulations relating to operation of boats in any waters of this state (ORS 830.175). Current law prohibits the use of a motor for propelling a boat for any purpose on specific lakes in Oregon (ORS 830.180).

House Bill 3168 would authorize the Board to adopt rules authorizing the operation of boats propelled by electric motors on specific lakes in Oregon.