

**HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2652**

By COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas this 2019 Act shall be known as the Sharon Birge Memorial Whitewater Helmet Act;
3 and

4 “Whereas increasing access to and availability of helmets has proven to reduce the incidence
5 of injury and lead to safer whitewater rafting; and

6 “Whereas the Birge family has come together to advocate for greater safety on Oregon’s
7 waterways to ensure that others can avoid tragedy and the loss of a loved one in an avoidable
8 recreational rafting accident; now, therefore,”.

9 In line 26, after “(e)” insert “On any section of waters rated as class III or higher on a com-
10 monly accepted scale of river difficulty,”.

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