

SB 840 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes county governing body to enact ordinance establishing registration fee for sailboats 12 feet in length or more and all motorboats registered within the county. Prohibits fee from exceeding existing registration fee of \$5 plus \$5.95 per foot, established under ORS 830.790 (1)(a). Requires county establishing registration fee to enter into intergovernmental agreement with OSMB to collect the fees and transfer them to the county to be used to dispose of derelict vessels.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, it is illegal for the owner of a vessel, once notice is given by an enforcement agency that the vessel is deemed abandoned or derelict, to fail to remove the vessel within the time specified on the notice. Oregon's abandoned and derelict vessel program (ORS 830.948) is managed by the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), which delegates authority to an enforcement agency to seize and remove abandoned and derelict vessels from state lands and waters. OSMB is required to set aside \$150,000 each biennium in order to provide grants to reimburse up to 90% of the costs associated with investigating, salvaging, towing, removing, storing or disposing of abandoned or derelict vessels.