

House Bill 2695

Sponsored by Representative WITT (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies membership of State Marine Board.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the State Marine Board; creating new provisions; amending ORS 830.105, 830.120, 830.125
3 and 830.130; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 830.105 is amended to read:

6 830.105. (1) There hereby is created the State Marine Board consisting of [*five*] **nine** members
7 to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

8 **(2) The board shall consist of seven voting members and two nonvoting members.**

9 **(3) The Governor shall appoint the voting members, as follows:**

10 **(a) One member with academic or professional expertise in riverine ecology, fisheries**
11 **biology or environmental conservation;**

12 **(b) One member who owns a floating home;**

13 **(c) One member representing a recreational boating organization or who has substantial**
14 **and current experience as a recreational boater;**

15 **(d) One member representing a water paddling organization or who has substantial and**
16 **current experience as a water paddler;**

17 **(e) One member representing a recreational fishing organization or who has substantial**
18 **and current experience as a recreational fisher;**

19 **(f) One member who is a member of, or who represents, a federally recognized Indian**
20 **tribe in this state; and**

21 **(g) One member of the public at large.**

22 **(4) In addition to the voting members appointed under subsection (3) of this section, the**
23 **Governor shall select two ex officio nonvoting members from among any combination of the**
24 **following:**

25 **(a) By appointing the Director of the Department of State Lands or the director's**
26 **designee;**

27 **(b) By appointing the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or the**
28 **director's designee; or**

29 **(c) By inviting a representative of any agency of the federal government that has statu-**
30 **tory duties directly related to fish management.**

31 **[(2)] (5) Each member shall be a resident of this state, a citizen of the United States, and at the**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 time of appointment shall have resided in this state for at least one year.

2 **(6) The board shall allow public testimony on matters pending before the board during**
 3 **the same public meeting in which the matter is being considered. Board members may also**
 4 **engage in a substantive dialogue with individuals presenting public testimony, as time allows,**
 5 **for the purposes both of transparency and allowing the public an opportunity to engage with**
 6 **board members in a meaningful exchange on the policy issues underlying such matters**
 7 **within the public interest.**

8 [(3)] **(7) All [appointments of] voting members of the board appointed by the Governor are sub-**
 9 **ject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.**

10 **SECTION 2. ORS 830.120 is amended to read:**

11 830.120. The term of office of a member is four years beginning on July 1 of the year of ap-
 12 pointment. A member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed **or invited** and
 13 qualifies. Before a member’s term expires, the Governor shall appoint **or invite** a successor to as-
 14 sume duties on July 1 at the expiration of the predecessor’s term. A vacancy in office shall be filled
 15 by appointment **or invitation** for the unexpired term.

16 **SECTION 3. ORS 830.125 is amended to read:**

17 830.125. **Voting** members of the State Marine Board are entitled to compensation and expenses
 18 as provided in ORS 292.495.

19 **SECTION 4. ORS 830.130 is amended to read:**

20 830.130. **(1) The State Marine Board shall select one of its voting members as chairperson and**
 21 **another voting member as secretary, each of whom shall hold office for one year, or until the se-**
 22 **lection of a successor. [Three members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of busi-**
 23 **ness.]**

24 **(2) A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum for the trans-**
 25 **action of business.**

26 **(3) The board shall meet at least once every three months at a place, day and hour determined**
 27 **by the board. The board shall also meet at such other times and places as are specified by the call**
 28 **of the chairperson or of [three] a majority of the voting members of the board.**

29 **SECTION 5. (1) On June 30, 2022, the term of office of members of the State Marine**
 30 **Board then holding office shall cease. A member whose term of office has been terminated**
 31 **by this subsection is eligible for reappointment to the State Marine Board.**

32 **(2) Notwithstanding the term of office specified by ORS 830.105, of the members first**
 33 **appointed or invited to the State Marine Board:**

34 **(a) Two shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2023.**

35 **(b) Two shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2024.**

36 **(c) Two shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2025.**

37 **(d) Three shall serve for a term ending June 30, 2026.**

38 **SECTION 6. Section 5 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

39 **SECTION 7. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
 40 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**