

Dear Representatives,

My name is Jean Quinsey, I reside on the Willamette river in Lake Oswego. I served as a prior member of the 5 member OSMB Board from 2011 to 2015. My river interests are non-motorized paddling (dragon boat, outrigger canoe, canoe, kayak, SUP).

I am writing in opposition to HB 2695; the member modification to the Oregon State Marine board.

The item of concern to me -

Section 1(6). "shall allow public testimony on matters pending before the board"

Board meetings take place over a period of two days - a very busy two days with much work to be done. Adding public testimony to the two days will substantially decrease the time allocated to regular business and/or increase the number of days required for Board meetings.

With ORS 183.335 there is currently in place a lengthy public input process when rule making is initiated. Rule making can include items such as guide certification, PFD labeling, fire extinguishers, etc. "Matters pending" can include such things as facilities approvals, expenditures, and budget updates. Public comment on "all matters" could add up to a lot of hours of repetition of what has already been handled with the current public input process.

In my experience, staff does a very good job carrying out the public input process. Board members are always welcomed to the public input sessions and are encouraged to do research and ask questions in advance of meetings.

As a Board member I would find it incredibly frustrating to sit through additional and repeated testimony after having read all the written testimony submitted and/or having attended public meetings and/or reviewed video sessions. It is an unnecessary duplication and time burden. This does not add any value to the current process.

In addition, I would add that the staff at OSMB work very hard at their jobs. They believe in their agency and what they do. They often propose creative ways of addressing issues. The work of many is often done with just a few. OSMB employees work diligently for the boaters of Oregon - this addition to Board meetings would disrespect that.

Thank you for your time.