

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2914

Ordered by the House April 11
Including House Amendments dated April 11

Sponsored by Representative GOMBERG (Pre-session 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.

[Establishes Task Force on Abandoned and Derelict Vessels. Directs task force to examine issues related to seizing and disposing of abandoned vessels and derelict vessels.]

[Directs State Marine Board and Department of State Lands to jointly identify and prioritize abandoned vessels and derelict vessels for disposal.]

[Directs Department of State Lands to develop web-based mapping tool for receiving information about location of suspected and confirmed abandoned vessel or derelict vessel.]

[Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

Establishes Oregon Abandoned and Derelict Vessel program in Department of State Lands to address abandoned and derelict vessels. Creates Oregon Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Fund. Provides that moneys in fund may be used to carry out program. Directs department to submit progress report to committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment, land use and natural resources on or before February 15, 2024.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to marine vessels; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2023 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 274.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Abandoned vessel" has the meaning given that term in ORS 830.908.

(b) "Derelict vessel" has the meaning given that term in ORS 830.908.

(2) The Oregon Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program is established in the Department of State Lands to:

(a) Address abandoned vessels and derelict vessels; and

(b) Ensure that state-owned submerged and submersible lands are managed for the public interests in fishery, navigation, commerce and recreation.

(3) The Department of State Lands, under the direction of the State Land Board and in coordination with the State Marine Board, the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Parks and Recreation Department and other stakeholders identified by the Department of State Lands, shall develop the policy framework for the program established in subsection (2) of this section.

(4) The Department of State Lands may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. (1) The Oregon Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Oregon

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 **Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Fund shall be credited to the fund. Moneys in the fund are**
2 **continuously appropriated to the Department of State Lands for the purpose of carrying out**
3 **the provisions of the Oregon Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program.**

4 **(2) The department may accept grants, donations, contributions or gifts from any source**
5 **for deposit in the fund.**

6 **(3) The fund shall consist of:**

7 **(a) Moneys received by the department as provided by subsection (2) of this section;**

8 **(b) Moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for deposit in the fund;**

9 **(c) Interest earned on moneys in the fund; and**

10 **(d) Other moneys deposited in the fund from any source.**

11 **SECTION 4. The Department of State Lands shall submit a report on the department's**
12 **progress in implementing section 2 of this 2023 Act, and may include recommendations for**
13 **legislation, to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment, land**
14 **use and natural resources in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before February**
15 **15, 2024.**

16 **SECTION 5. Section 4 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

17 **SECTION 6. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**

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