

HB 5042 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

HB 5042 is the fee ratification bill of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP). The measure provides the enabling legislation necessary for fees adopted by these agencies through administrative rule and approved by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). State law (ORS 291.055) requires all new agency fees or fee increases adopted between regular sessions of the Legislative Assembly be authorized by enabling legislation or rescinded upon adjournment of the next regular session.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Revenue impact of the bill.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment adds fee increase language for the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots.

BACKGROUND:

The Board adopted administrative rules in January 2025 to increase the operations fee from \$50 to \$70, effective July 2025. The fee, which applies to all ships using pilotage services on Oregon pilotage grounds, has not changed since it was established in 2013.

OBMP projected that, without the increase, it would end the 2025–27 biennium with less than one month of operating balance. The adjustment is expected to generate an estimated \$157,126 in additional revenue, which provides the Board with the recommended three-month operating reserve.