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**Bill Title:** Relating to public utilities.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Public Utility Commission

**Summary of Fiscal Impact**

Costs related to the measure are anticipated to be minimal - see explanatory analysis.

**Summary of Revenue Impact**

Agency -- Fund Type	2025-27 Biennium	2027-29 Biennium
Public Utility Commission -- Other Funds	\$ 964,938	\$ 964,938
<b>Total Revenue Impact</b>	<b>\$ 964,938</b>	<b>\$ 964,938</b>

**Measure Description**

The measure increases the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP) operations fee from \$50 to \$70. The measure provides the statutory approval required for agency-adopted fees established through administrative rule.

**Fiscal Analysis**

ORS 291.055 stipulates that all new state agency fees or fee increases adopted between the date of adjournment sine die of a regular session of the Legislative Assembly, and the date of adjournment sine die of the next regular session of the Legislative Assembly, are rescinded upon adjournment sine die of the next regular session unless the fee is authorized by enabling legislation. This measure provides the enabling legislation necessary to approve fees adopted through administrative rule by OBMP during the interim period between legislative sessions.

The Public Utility Commission provides administrative, business, and ratemaking services for OBMP, which licenses maritime pilots, sets pilotage rates, and determines the number of pilots per pilotage ground. OBMP is funded through license fees and a Board operations fee assessed on vessels using pilotage services.

The measure increases the Board operations fee from \$50 to \$70, effective July 2025. This fee is charged to all vessels using pilotage services on Oregon pilotage grounds and invoiced by licensed pilots. The increase is projected to generate approximately \$964,938 in additional Other Funds revenue during the 2025-27 and 2027-29 biennia, which will support the Board’s ongoing operations.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.