

SB 301-1  
(LC 3283)  
3/10/25 (HE/ps)

Requested by Senator MEEK

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 301**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “boats” insert “; amending ORS 830.640  
2 and 830.643”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 830.643 is amended to read:

5 “830.643. (1) A person may obtain a towed watersports endorsement if:

6 “(a)(A) The person is a resident of this state and the person holds a  
7 boating safety education card issued under ORS 830.086; or

8 “(B) The person is not a resident of this state and the person holds a  
9 current out-of-state boating certificate;

10 “(b) The person passes the towed watersports endorsement examination,  
11 or the equivalency examination, as described in ORS 830.640;

12 “(c) The person pays the fee established by the State Marine Board under  
13 ORS 830.646; and

14 “(d) The person provides any other information required by the board by  
15 rule.

16 “(2) A person may obtain a towed watersports motorboat certificate if the  
17 person is the owner of a registered motorboat and:

18 “(a) The person holds a towed watersports endorsement issued under this  
19 section;

20 “(b) The maximum loading weight of the motorboat is less than 5,500  
21 pounds, which is [*the sum of*] the factory-specified dry gross weight of the

1 motorboat [*and the factory-specified maximum factory ballast capacity of the*  
2 *motorboat*];

3 “(c) The person provides the board with information regarding the  
4 motorboat’s make, model, length[,] **and** dry gross weight [*and maximum fac-*  
5 *tory ballast capacity specifications as listed by the manufacturer*]; and

6 “(d) The person provides any other information required by the board by  
7 rule.

8 “(3) A towed watersports endorsement and towed watersports motorboat  
9 certificate issued under this section starts on the day the endorsement or  
10 certificate is issued and expires on December 31 of the last year in the two-  
11 year period.

12 “(4) A person issued a towed watersports endorsement or towed  
13 watersports motorboat certificate under this section may renew the endorse-  
14 ment or certificate by:

15 “(a) Paying the towed watersports endorsement renewal fee established  
16 under ORS 830.646; and

17 “(b) Completing an application in the form and manner required by the  
18 board by rule.

19 “(5) The board shall issue a towed watersports motorboat certificate in  
20 the form of a decal. The decal must be affixed to the forward portion of the  
21 motorboat, visible above the waterline and in accordance with rules adopted  
22 by the board.

23 “(6) The board may appoint agents to issue towed watersports endorse-  
24 ments and towed watersports motorboat certificates.

25 “(7) Agents shall issue towed watersports endorsements and towed  
26 watersports motorboat certificates in accordance with procedures prescribed  
27 by the board by rule and shall charge and collect the endorsement fees pre-  
28 scribed by law.

29 “(8) The board may authorize an agent other than a board employee to  
30 charge a service fee of \$2, in addition to the towed watersports endorsement

1 fee, for the issuance service performed by the agent.

2 “(9) The board shall supply the agents with towed watersports endorse-  
3 ments and towed watersports motorboat certificates, if applicable.

4 **“SECTION 2.** ORS 830.640 is amended to read:

5 “830.640. (1) There is created within the State Marine Board a towed  
6 watersports program.

7 “(2) The program shall:

8 “(a) Provide towed watersports safety education;

9 “(b) Issue and renew towed watersports endorsements;

10 “(c) Issue and renew towed watersports motorboat certificates in the form  
11 of decals;

12 “(d) Develop and promote towed watersports safety promotions, best  
13 practices and public education;

14 “(e) Address wave energy management techniques and operator responsi-  
15 bilities for accident and property damage prevention; and

16 “(f) Compile information regarding the make, model, length[,] **and** dry  
17 gross weight [*and maximum factory ballast capacity specifications*] of motor  
18 boats for which the towed watersports motorboat decal was issued.

19 “(3) In establishing towed watersports safety education as part of the  
20 towed watersports endorsement, the board shall:

21 “(a) Set a minimum standard of competency. The board may review and  
22 update the minimum standard of competency as necessary.

23 “(b) Create a towed watersports endorsement course and towed  
24 watersports endorsement examination designed to educate and test for the  
25 minimum standard of competency under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

26 “(c) Create an equivalency examination that may substitute for taking the  
27 towed watersports endorsement course.

28 “(d) Allow use of commercially provided towed watersports endorsement  
29 courses provided the courses meet the standard adopted by the board.

30 “(e) Establish a fee under ORS 830.646 for the issuance and renewal of

1 towed watersports endorsements.”.

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