74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Joint Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Ocean Policy

FISCAL: No fiscal impact Action: Do Pass Vote: 4 - 0 - 1 Cowan, Krieger, Nelson, Schaufler Yeas: Navs: Exc.: Boone **Prepared By:** Judith Callens, Administrator **Meeting Dates:** 3/2.3/27

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows shipbreaking in Oregon only in dry dock with exceptions. Defines terms. Allows ship to be partially dismantled as may be required in the process of ship repair. Allows person to dismantle ship that has been shipwrecked in the waters of this state for purposes of removal if the Department of State Lands determines that it is physically impracticable to move the shipwreck to dry dock. Exempts shipbreaking of a flat-bottomed barge that is not self-propelled from dry dock requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Process of breaking apart a ship for disposal
- Hazardous and toxic substances potentially released during shipbreaking
- Endangered species carried on ships that may be introduced to local waters during shipbreaking
- Potential impact of releases on worker health, fisheries and coastal water quality

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Currently no state limitation exists on the location of dismantling ships in Oregon. SB 432B restricts shipbreaking to occur only in dry dock for those vessels over 200 gross tons with exceptions for barges, for partial dismantling a ship requiring repair and for a shipwreck if the Department of State Lands determines that it is impractical to move the shipwreck to dry dock. The measure applies to vessels in the waters of this state defined as natural waterways including all tidal and nontidal bays, intermittent streams, constantly flowing streams, lakes, wetlands and other bodies of water in this state, navigable and nonnavigable, including that portion of the Pacific Ocean which is in the boundaries of this state (out to three miles from shore).

MEASURE: CARRIER: