

## PORT OF BANDON

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Patrick Brennan, Committee Administrator RE: HB 2459 Marine Board Fee Increase

Dear Mr. Brennan:

To be perfectly honest, I can't think of another state agency that provides so many opportunities for the citizens of our state than the Oregon State Marine Board.

Speaking for the Port of Bandon, the Marine Board has contributed to our facilities in so many positive ways, that our waterfront and the amenities the public enjoys, would not have been possible without their partnership.

OSMB is much more than just boating. Shore side restrooms, safe public parking, design and permitting are all part of what the OSMB staff provides. In my 28 years at the Port of Bandon, I continue to find OSMB professional, helpful and responsive.

OSMB is vital to the ongoing operations of local governments. Marine law enforcement and facility maintenance are critical components, particularly in counties such as Coos that continue to suffer from high unemployment and poverty levels.

The Port of Bandon supports fee increases for the Oregon State Marine Board.

Gina Dearth, general manger

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