

HB 2652 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires outfitters and guides to rent, sell, or otherwise make available helmets to all passengers.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Refers to bill as the Sharon Birge Memorial Whitewater Helmet Act. Amends requirement of outfitters and guides to rent, sell, or otherwise make available helmets to all passengers to be limited to those operating on class III waters.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law requires boat outfitters and guides to carry equipment such as first-aid, life jackets, light and smoke flares, and running lights. Outfitters and guides," as defined in ORS 704.010, include any person compensated for providing or offering outfitting and guiding services in this state or any person who holds federal special use permits for commercial outfitting and guiding.

House Bill 2652 would require outfitters and guides to rent, sell, or otherwise make available helmets to all passengers.