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**TO:** The Honorable Brad Witt, Chair  
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**FROM:** Sadie Carney, Policy Analyst  
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**RE: House Bill 2351**



DLCD is the statewide land use planning agency. We assist cities and counties in their interpretation and implementation of the applicable statewide land use planning goals. Cities and counties along the Willamette River are subject to Goal 15: Willamette River Greenway, which requires them to adopt a Willamette River Greenway plan in their comprehensive plan.

The department is not taking a position on this bill, but offers information for the committee to consider.

HB 2351 would authorize the Oregon State Marine Board to make special regulations for boats operating within the Willamette River Greenway. The bill would require the board to “take into consideration” Willamette River Greenway plans adopted by cities and counties; however there is no clear relationship between these Willamette River Greenway plans and boating activities. Local Willamette River Greenway plans do not regulate boating or boat speed. Willamette River Greenway plans regulate houses and other private development, addressing issues such as setbacks from the riverbank, preservation of vegetation and habitat near the river, and recreational access.

HB 2351 would not require DLCD to amend Goal 15, nor change how local governments address the requirements of Goal 15 in a comprehensive plan.

The proposed legislation would be more easily interpreted if it applied to the Willamette River instead of the “Willamette River Greenway”. The bill could list the objectives it shares with the Greenway Plan, without invoking the plan. This change would recognize that authority for boating activity rests with the Marine Board, not DLCD or local governments within the Greenway.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide you with information about HB 2351. If committee members have questions about this testimony, I can be reached at 503-373-0036 or by email at [sadie.carney@state.or.us](mailto:sadie.carney@state.or.us).