

HB 2351 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Natural Resources

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) to adopt special regulations to manage boat wake energy within the Willamette River Greenway, for the protection of shoreline, public and private property, fish and wildlife habitat, and vegetation. Requires OSMB to consider Willamette River Greenway plans and statewide land use planning goals when adopting special regulations to manage wake energy.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Governor Tom McCall proposed the idea of a greenway to enhance the scenic, recreational, historic, natural, and agricultural qualities along the Willamette River in 1967. The boundaries of the Willamette River Greenway were identified and adopted in the 1980s. Statewide Land Use Goal 15 specifically pertains to the Willamette River Greenway, and requires that adjacent cities and counties adopt local plans and development criteria.

OSMB is currently authorized to make special regulations, including designation of boat speed and prohibition of motorboats, for the protection of game and game fish at the request of the Oregon State Fish and Wildlife Commission, or for carrying out other natural resources laws.

House Bill 2351 would authorize OSMB to adopt special regulations to manage boat wake energy within the Willamette River Greenway.