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**To:** Natural Resources Subcommittee  
**From:** Tim Walker, Legislative Fiscal Office  
**Date:** May 1, 2019  
**Subject:** HB 2080 A – Relating to fees assessed by State Marine Board.

The measure raises the biennial boat registration fee from \$4.50 a foot length to \$5.95 a foot length, a 32% increase. The title fee is raised from \$50 to \$75 (50%), and the fee for a boater education card is increased from a maximum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20 (100%). The measure repeals the requirement for an Oregon registered motorboat to carry an aquatic invasive species permit. Instead, \$5 is added to the registration fee and that \$5 is transferred to the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund under ORS 830.585.

The measure is projected to raise \$3.2 million per biennium and will fund Law Enforcement grants, Facilities grants, and current operations. The expenditures are covered in Policy Option Package 101, 201, and 301 in the Board’s budget bill, SB 5521.

**Final Subcommittee Action**

**MOTION: I move HB 2080 A to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.  
(VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Measure: HB 2080 - A

80th Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2019 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official*Prepared by: Krista Dauenhauer  
Reviewed by: Tim Walker  
Date: 3/12/2019**Measure Description:**

Increases certain fees assessed by State Marine Board.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

The measure will require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

|                    | 2019-21 Biennium   | 2021-23 Biennium   |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Other Funds        | 2,160,414          | 2,160,414          |
| Federal Funds      | 49,000             | 49,000             |
| <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>\$2,209,414</b> | <b>\$2,209,414</b> |
| Positions          | 3                  | 3                  |
| FTE                | 3.00               | 3.00               |

**Summary of Revenue Impact:**

|                    | 2019-21 Biennium   | 2021-23 Biennium   |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Other Funds        | 3,147,956          | 3,147,956          |
| Federal Funds      | 49,000             | 49,000             |
| <b>Total Funds</b> | <b>\$3,196,956</b> | <b>\$3,196,956</b> |

**Analysis:**

The measure raises the biennial boat registration fee from \$4.50 a foot length to \$5.95 a foot length. The title fee is raised from \$50 to \$75, and the fee for a boater education card is increased from a maximum of \$10 to a maximum of \$20. The -1 amendment repeals the requirement for an Oregon registered motorboat to carry an aquatic invasive species permit. Instead, \$5 is added to the registration fee and that \$5 is transferred to the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund under ORS 830.585.

This legislation corresponds to the following four Policy Option Packages (POP) within HB 5521, the budget bill for the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB): POP #070 - *Revenue Shortfalls*, POP #101 - *Fee Changes to Maintain Current Operations*, POP #201 - *Fee Changes to Maintain Current Operations*, POP #301 - *Facilities Program*

Revenues are projected to increase by \$3,147,956 Other Funds (OF) per biennium. The fee revenue will restore funding to county sheriff departments and Oregon State Police, for enforcement on the water and at access points; and further supports equipment purchases, maintenance and repairs, for a total cost of \$983,000 OF per biennium. Furthermore, revenues will also support facility maintenance such as engineering assistance, grants and a portion of the Maintenance Assistance Program which supports over 80 municipal boat access facilities. These costs are estimated at \$789,587 OF and \$49,000 in matching Federal Funds, including a Facilities Engineer 3 (1.00FTE) position. Fee revenue in the amount of \$338,827 in Other Funds per biennium will also support two existing positions, a Program Analyst position (1.00FTE) and a Public Service Representative 4 position (1.00FTE).

## **HB 2080 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Prepared By:** Tim Walker, Budget Analyst

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Increases fee for boating safety certificate from \$10 to \$20. Increases biennial fee for original or renewal certificate of identification number or registration for all sailboats 12 feet and longer and all motorboats from \$4.50 to \$5 plus \$5.95 per foot. Specifies that \$5 of each original or renewal certificate be deposited in the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund. Removes existing biennial fee for motorboat aquatic invasive species prevention permit. Increases application fee for original boat title or title transfer from \$50 to \$75.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Oregon State Marine Board budget
- Boat registration revenue
- Fees for non-motorized boats
- Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund
- Law enforcement contracts

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon State Marine Board (Board) is the state's regulatory agency for recreational boating. The Board provides education, enforcement, access, and environmental stewardship to help make boating a safe and enjoyable experience. In 2015, the legislature passed House Bill 2459, which increased the biennial fee for boat registration from \$3 to \$4.50 and increased the original boat title or title transfer application fee from \$30 to \$50. According to the Board, registration revenue has decreased by 10 percent since 2015.

House Bill 2080 A would increase fees for boating safety certificates, registration, or identification number certificates for sailboats over 12 feet and motorboats, and boat title or title transfers, and would specify that \$5 of each registration or identification number certificate be deposited in the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund.