

HB 3168 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Prozanski

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Action Date: 05/14/19

Action: Do pass.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bentz, Dembrow, Olsen, Prozanski, Roblan

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 5/7, 5/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes a person to use a motor to propel a boat on listed water bodies provided the motor is an electric motor operated at maximum of slow-no wake speed as defined by State Marine Board (Board) and the Board adopts a rule authorizing the use on a specific water body. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statutory restriction on use of boat motors on listed lakes pre-dates establishment of State Marine Board
- Physical ability to row a boat
- Authorization for Marine Board rulemaking

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon State Marine Board (Board) is authorized to regulate, through administrative rules, boating in specific locations or on specific waterways. The Board may make special regulations relating to operation of boats in any waters of this state (ORS 830.175). With some exceptions, ORS 830.180 prohibits the use of a motor for propelling a boat for any purpose on specific water bodies in Oregon.

House Bill 3168 would authorize the use of a motor to propel a boat on the water bodies listed in ORS 830.180 if: the boat is propelled by an electric motor at a maximum of slow-no wake speed as defined by the Board and the Board adopts a rule authorizing such use on the water body.