

HB 2652-2  
(LC 2298)  
2/8/19 (HE/ps)

Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES (at the request of Representative  
Chris Gorsek)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE BILL 2652**

1 After line 2 of the printed bill, insert:

2 “Whereas this 2019 Act shall be known as the Sharon Birge Memorial  
3 Whitewater Helmet Act; and

4 “Whereas increasing access to and availability of helmets has proven to  
5 reduce the incidence of injury and lead to safer whitewater rafting; and

6 “Whereas the Birge family has come together to advocate for greater  
7 safety on Oregon’s waterways to ensure that others can avoid tragedy and  
8 the loss of a loved one in an avoidable recreational rafting accident; now,  
9 therefore,”.

10 In line 26, after “(e)” insert “On any section of waters rated as class III  
11 or higher on a commonly accepted scale of river difficulty,”.

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