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MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
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By: Tyler Larson, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

OREGON BOARD OF MARITIME PILOTS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Adam Baker of Oregon City, New Appointment

Term

February 14, 2020 – February 13, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 776.105](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consist of nine members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ Members serve four year terms. The Public Utility Commission of Oregon may appoint a member of the commission, or a designee, as a nonvoting, ex officio member of the board.

Three members of the board must be public members, one of whom acts as chairperson (**BAKER, GOSS, PIERCY, RETZLAFF**). The public members of the board may not:

- During the preceding five years or during their terms of office, have any interest in the ownership, operation or management of any tugs, cargo or passenger vessels or in the carriage of freight or passengers by vessel;
- During the preceding five years or during their terms of office, have any interest in any association or organization that operates or represents commercial oceangoing vessels or principally comprised of persons engaged in commercial pursuits in the maritime industry in any capacity; or,
- Hold or have held a maritime pilot license issued by any state or federal authority.

¹ See [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562](#), [ORS 171.565](#).

² See [ORS 244.050](#).

³ See [ORS 182.100](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 776.105](#).

Three members must be licensees of the board. One member must be a Columbia River bar licensee (FARRELL), one member must be a Columbia River licensee (OLSON), and one member must be a Coos Bay or Yaquina Bay licensee (WALES). Licensee members must:

- Have been licensed for more than three years under this chapter;
- Be actively engaged in piloting; and,
- Be a resident of this state.

Three members of the board must be engaged in activities of a person that operates or represents commercial oceangoing vessels for at least three years immediately preceding their appointment and during their terms of office (CALLAHAN, MOATS, PIPPENGER). The Governor may appoint a past or present employee or commissioner of a port to serve on the board in lieu of one of the operators or representatives of a commercial oceangoing vessel.

Duties and Authority

The board must:⁵

- Meet at least once each calendar year;
- Provide for efficient and competent pilotage service on all pilotage grounds, with the primary consideration of public safety;
- Regulate and limit the number of licensees and trainees to the number found by the board to be required to render efficient and competent pilotage service;
- Establish and fix the boundaries of pilotage grounds not described in statute;
- Establish by rule a licensing system for persons licensed to pilot, for persons licensed as trainees and for pilot organizations who train persons to pilot;
- Fix, at reasonable and just rates, pilotage fees, extra fees for vessels in distress, fees for extraordinary pilotage services, fees for a licensee or trainee being carried to sea unwillingly and reimbursement for the return to station or for the detention of a licensee or trainee;
- Conduct or authorize the holding of hearings, issue subpoenas, conduct investigations, administer oaths, take depositions, and fix the fees and mileage of witnesses; and,
- Adopt any rule or make any order as the board determines is required for the effective administration and enforcement of its authority. If a proposed rule would result in the significant limitation of competition among licensees or pilot organizations that exist in this state on January 1, 1991, the board must first make a determination that the proposed rule is essential to protect the safety of the public.

The board may:⁶

- Establish pilotage requirements for all single boiler or single engine and single screw tank vessels carrying oil in pilotage grounds;
- Review and, if appropriate, reduce deadweight tonnage specifications for pilotage service for vessels carrying oil;

⁵ [ORS 776.115.](#)

⁶ [ORS 776.118-126.](#)

- Establish regional speed limits, based on escort vehicle limitations, for all tank vessels in inland navigable waters and critical approaches to inland navigable waters;
- Establish a program for a near-miss reporting system;
- Enter and investigate a premises, ship, or facility when conducting an investigation, or authorize a representative to do the same; and,
- Defray the costs and expenses of a hearing by assessing all or a portion of the costs and expenses of a hearing to party to the hearing.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Maritime Pilots, Oregon Board of

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 776.105
Members: Min: 9 Max: 9
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Transportation

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Adam A Baker
Public Member
Term(s): 02-14-2020 - 02-13-2024

Position Number: 9

Kip Callahan
Steamship Operator
Term(s): 06-01-2016 - 05-31-2020
06-01-2012 - 05-31-2016

Position Number: 6

Chris Farrell
Columbia River Bar Pilot
Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 12-18-2020

Position Number: 2

Leslie O Goss, Chair
Public Member
Term(s): 05-03-2017 - 05-02-2021

Position Number: 7

Heather L Moats
Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022

Position Number: 8

Elroy E Olson, Sr
Columbia River Pilot
Term(s): 12-12-2018 - 12-11-2022
12-12-2014 - 12-11-2018

Position Number: 3

Gary L Piercy
Public Member
Term(s): 11-20-2015 - 11-19-2019

Position Number: 9

Dan Pippenger
Shipping Industry Representative
Term(s): 06-01-2018 - 05-31-2022
06-01-2014 - 05-31-2018

Position Number: 5

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Maritime Pilots, Oregon Board of

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Transportation

Dan Retzlaff

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022

George R Wales

Coos Bay Pilot

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 06-01-2019 - 05-31-2023

06-01-2015 - 05-31-2019

12-12-2014 - 05-31-2015