

SB 740 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases registration fee for sailboats 12 feet in length or more and for all motorboats from \$5 to \$10. Dedicates increased \$5 to the Salvaged Vessel Subaccount. Increases amount that State Marine Board may deposit and retain in Salvaged Vessel Subaccount each biennium from \$150,000 to \$1 million.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, it is illegal for the owner of a vessel, once notice is given by an enforcement agency that the vessel is deemed abandoned or derelict, to fail to remove the vessel within the time specified on the notice. Oregon's abandoned and derelict vessel program (ORS 830.948) is managed by the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB), which delegates authority to an enforcement agency to seize and remove abandoned and derelict vessels from state lands and waters. OSMB is required to set aside \$150,000 each biennium in order to provide grants to reimburse up to 90% of the costs associated with investigating, salvaging, towing, removing, storing or disposing of abandoned or derelict vessels.

Senate Bill 740 increases the registration fee for sailboats 12 feet in length or more and for all motorboats and dedicates the increased amount to the Salvaged Vessel Subaccount each biennium.