

I have been a private boat owner in Oregon since I was 16 and am now 71, I have owned many boats. None of the 2 dozen boats I ever owned went derelict under my ownership. I would question if the additional funding in SB 740 covers private or commercial boats. I believe commercial boats are licensed under a different set of rules. This Bill might have private boaters paying for the commercial boat problem and that should not be. I would ask the committee to clarify where the funds raised would be directed.

In addition a fee on any commercial boat licensed in another state or country put up a bond or or be charged a derelict fee if the craft has been unused (unlicensed) for a period of time say 12 months. This would be enforced by County Marine Deputies at all ports and storage areas.

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