

I urge you to support HB2695.

This is a smart idea to improve the Oregon State Marine Board and give Staff added help — especially concerning environmental issues — so they will be better equipped to make more informed and thoughtful decisions on issues facing them with Oregon's waterways and boating.

Setting up a formal way of having state agencies interact and coordinate is a wonderful idea and will help all involved better serve the people of Oregon.

HB2695 will help the Oregon State Marine Board improve its decision making and leadership by adding environmental expertise to its board to help guide staff in figuring out solutions to difficult issues on waterways throughout Oregon.

This will give the Marine Board needed help to fix some of the problems facing boaters throughout the state and to make sure that they ALWAYS consider the environmental impact of their decisions on Oregon's precious resources.

This will also help the Marine Board and its staff become more knowledgeable about climate change issues and how to best address them. This is becoming more and more critical as we have seen over the last few years with fires and extreme weather threatening us.

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Sincerely,

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