

Written Testimony Regarding Support of SB 740

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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Chairman Beyer, Vice Chairwoman Findley and members of the committee.

My wife and I own Norgard Boat Hauling that specializes in transporting boats 25ft to 45ft, mostly in Oregon and Washington.

Norgard has been in business over 40 years and are the largest hauler of the 2 boat hauling companies in Oregon.

We pick up derelict boats all over the state including Hood River, Astoria, Coos Bay, Sweet home, Saint Helens, Newberg, and Albany. In a typical year we do between 20 and 40 derelict boats a year. Our clients include the City of Portland, OSMB, DSL, The Dept of Forestry, Columbia county and multiple Marinas. The cost to transport these boats on our specialized trailers runs about \$6 per mile.

We deliver the boats to the only boat dismantling company which is located in Scappoose. There they remove all the contaminants like fuel, oil and asbestos then break the boat apart with a Excavator and load into a dumpster.

I have been a boater and fisherman for over 20 years. I have seen first hand the growth of the abandoned boat problem in our state.

I support SB740 to provide funding for the current OSMB ADV programs. It is a statewide problem that needs a single source to coordinate the removal program, not having each county have their own program as proposed in SB840

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