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To: Joint Subcommittee on Natural Resources; others

Re: [HB 5020]...*I don't boat or use the navigatable waters. I just sit back with a bottle of wine and enjoy the views.*

I would like to convey my sincerest thanks to the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) and all of the employees who are genuine stewards of Oregon's waterways.

When one considers the amount of services provided versus the revenues the OSMB has to stitch together we must stand in awe of the accomplishments.

The program presented offered an insight into problem areas of concern.

- The costs of Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Removals is alarming and I suspect this sector is going to increase as a result of COVID-19 related economic influences.
- The number of suicides and drowning recoveries is unfortunate. The reporting of the total costs incurred would be helpful information for budgeting purposes.
- Law Enforcement costs are going to steadily increase and funding must be secured to address the reality-too many idiots on the water causing problems.
- The conflict concerning "Wake-boats" are only going to get worse. **[HB 2275]** and **[HB 2555]** are in the hopper but, are hot-button issues requiring steadfast leadership. The "Wake-Boat" community has their fair share of trouble makers. **The Newberg Pool Congested Zone** should be off-limits to these vessels for a number of legitimate reasons. **[HB 2734]** would create an additional source of revenue but, **[HB 2734]** is discriminatory taxing scheme and should be avoided. Any excise tax is going to ignite voter related passions.
- The reliance on Federal funding could be likened to a "short-lived sugar high." Eventually the "Piper must be paid" and the "free money and grants" are going to disappear. Diligent planning and development of secured revenues will be challenging especially, when the eviction moratoriums run-out.
- The "Aquatic Invasive Species Program" inspections and fines for contaminated boats may be a source of additional revenue. This program, if not already utilized by, the grade schools and universities could also benefit the OSMB in a variety of ways.
- The "Floating restrooms" is well thought out, a very much needed program to keep sewage out of the rivers and a down-right hilarious target for the "Wave-Boat" tsunami wave makers.

Please convey my sincerest thanks and gratitude to the OSMB employees for a job continuously done well!

Respectfully submitted,

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