

Hello - Thank you for the time and I am in opposition of HB 2695. The additional classifications of board members is exclusive and further politicizes the Marine Board into categorized, individualized self-interest groups. What is the state to do, increase a board seat every time a group has a complaint? So far, the answer appears to be yes but it is further dividing our water communities. As witnessed by singular emphasis of having a houseboat owner on this select group, when their collective community is far less than riverfront property owners.

Additionally, boat fees occupy the Lion's share of OSMB revenues that support ALL water communities, yet their representation is a fraction of the proposed panel.

I ask that you, too opposed HB 2695 and consider better ways of building inclusive communities that appreciate each other vs. tearing them apart.

Cheers,
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