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In support of SB 859

Thank you Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Girod and Senators Burdick, Manning and Thatcher.

And thank you Senator Taylor for your dedication and efforts on this issue.

The Waterfront Organizations of Oregon represents the marinas, the moorages, water related businesses, floating home communities and the lessees of DSL submerged land leases. I am Ron Schmidt and am proud to be the President of WOOO, I live on the water, have two licensed boats and live and work on the water. **WE SUPPORT SB859.**

We work very closely with the Division of State Lands, The Oregon State Marine Board, the various County Sheriff River Patrols on water issues.

The Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Problem continues to grow, there are resources to handle the problem if the funding is provided.

This bill is Long overdue, is needed and costs will go up if not dealt with now. As a side note, we are Not supportive of any law enforcement budget reductions. We ask for your support of SB859 and of our precious water resources, environment and livability in Oregon.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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