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House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

Chair Representative Witt Vice-Chair Representative Breese-Iverson Vice-Chair Representative Hudson Representative Cate Representative Marsh Representative McLain Representative Post Representative Reardon Representative Brock Smith Representative Williams

Dear Chair Witt, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice-Chair Hudson and Members:

This testimony is provided for HB2777 which provides optional licensing of boats as charter boats if the boat carries fewer than seven passengers for hire. OSMB does not have a position on this bill.

The agency could implement this bill as written. In thinking about f agency rulemaking on this legislation, the agency would require ocean going guides registering as charters to have the appropriate Coast Guard certifications for operating in the ocean and potentially modify safety equipment requirements if allowed by the Coast Guard.

If I may provide any additional information or clarification, I can be reached at (503) 378-2617.

Sincerely,

Larry Warren Director