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Of:

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Measure: SB200

SB 200 SENATE COMMITTEE ON VETERANS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT,
FEDERAL AND WORLD AFFAIRS

Salvage Chief (LSM380) built in 1944 is a money pit for Oregon taxpayers. The entire ship probably needs to be replaced piece by piece or the equipment repaired where parts may not be available. Project seems more of a by gone era of floating a ship once again for posthumous and the dreams of a couple of people that see themselves as sailing once again on a ship that has been out of commission since 2008.

If currently moored at Tongue Point and the Columbia River Astoria Megler Bridge failed in a subduction zone earthquake what use will the Salvage Chief be?

More of a floating museum piece than a salvage vehicle, since Oregon is not financially responsible for private ships going aground why is the legislature considering SB200.

Private ocean going tugs have more maneuverability and can do the same and were not built in 1944.

Owners of the Salvage Chief should raise money through means that every other non-profit does when restoring a historical museum piece.