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Oregon State Legislature Joint Subcommittee on Natural Resources Oregon State Capitol 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 5521

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please consider this letter as full support for Senate Bill 5521, relating to the financial administration of the Oregon State Marine Board.

The Marine Board ably provides critical services to Oregon's boating community, a function that is heavily relied upon by ports and cities up and down the coast as well as communities near lakes and rivers inland. These services result in not only recreational enjoyment of the waterways but also economic vitality for the tourism and travel sectors. Services range from the provision of safe and reliable public water access facilities to essential boater education, law enforcement, and environmental stewardship programs.

We urge you to fully fund the Marine Boards proposed budget as outlined in SB 5521.

Sincerely,

Reg Fullen, President

Port of Bandon Commission