

HB 2982 -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure increases boating fees for the issuance and renewal of an aquatic invasive species permit, the biennial fee for the original or renewal certificate of number or registration, and fees for waterway access permits. The bill removes the provision that limits waterway access permit fees to boats over 10 feet in length. Instead, it establishes that the fee will be charged to any nonmotorized boats and sailboats, regardless of size.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-5 The amendment exempts nonmotorized boats under 10 feet in length, used for whitewater recreation activities on designated waters, from having to obtain a waterway access permit.

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REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

BACKGROUND:

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are any non-native plants, animals, and other organisms that primarily live in water habitats. AIS of particular concern in Oregon are dreissenid mussels such as Quagga and Zebra mussels (*D. bugensis* and *D. polymorpha* respectively) which may alter local fresh-water food webs by filtering water and removing plankton, and cause damage to infrastructure such as water intake pipes. In 2009 the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2220 that created the AIS Prevention Program which is funded through certain boating fees. Waterway access permits are required since 2020 for boaters who operate a paddlecraft 10 ft or longer.