

SB 301 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 3/26, 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the State Marine Board to study issues related to the safe operation of boats and to submit a report to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2026. The Act sunsets on January 2, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Modifies requirements for obtaining a towed watersports certificate to no longer include:

- the factory-specified maximum factory ballast capacity in the allowable maximum weight of the motorboat; and
- the requirement to provide information on the maximum factory ballast capacity of the motorboat.

Eliminates the requirement that the towed water sports program compile information regarding the maximum factory ballast capacity specification of motorboats that towed watersports motorboat decal was issued.

BACKGROUND:

The Marine Board was established in 1959 and its stated mission is to serve Oregon's recreational boating public through education, enforcement, access and environmental stewardship for a safe and enjoyable experience. One of the Marine Board's programs is boating safety which facilitates safety, education, and stewardship for Oregon boaters and outfitter guides.