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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: Twais Broadus, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: May 7, 2025
Subject: HB 2982 – Relating to small watercraft
Work Session Recommendations

The measure increases various boating fees collected by the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB). Fee changes include raising the aquatic invasive species prevention permit fee for non-resident boats from \$20 to \$30, increasing the biennial fee for original or renewal registration of motorized boats from \$5 to \$8, and raising the fee for each boat operated by a livery with five or more boats from \$10 to \$13. The measure also removes the 10-foot minimum requirement for a waterway access permit when operating a nonmotorized boat and exempts nonmotorized boats under 10 feet used for whitewater recreation from the permit requirement. The fee changes take effect in January 2026 and are projected to generate approximately \$1 million in additional revenue during the 2025-27 biennium, with proceeds deposited into the Waterway Access Fund and the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Fund to support invasive species prevention efforts, facility grants, and boating access improvements.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2982 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2982 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.
(vote)

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: