

SB 459 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure removes the requirement that three specific licensed members of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots be Oregon residents.

Fiscal impact: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate Vote: Ayes, 29; Excused, 1

Fiscal impact -1: No fiscal impact

Revenue impact -1: No revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Questions about residency requirements for OBMP board members

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Requires public members of the board be Oregon residents. Requires at least one licensed member of the board be an Oregon resident. Applies residency requirements to board members appointed or reappointed after the effective date. Does not apply residency requirements to current board members.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP) was established in 1846 and is currently under the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission. OBMP's mission is to promote public safety by ensuring qualified persons pilot vessels entering and leaving Oregon's ports, and the Board establishes programs for pilot trainee and apprentice selection and training, incident investigations, license administration, and ratemaking.

Statute establishes that the OBMP consists of nine members (ORS 776.105) and that three of these members must be a Columbia River Bar licensee, a Columbia River licensee, and a Coos Bay or Yaquina Bay licensee. Each of these specific OBMP members are required to be Oregon residents.