

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 2558

Relating to activities regulated by the State Marine Board

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Owens

HB 2558 modifies the outfitter and guide registration fee structure administered by the Oregon State Marine Board.

The Outfitters and Guides Program licenses individuals who take customers for hire into Oregon's outdoors for fishing, hunting, and other recreational activities. The program manages over 1,300 outfitter guides and 70 charter operators statewide, and requires licensees to meet insurance, bonding, and safety certification standards.

The measure establishes a uniform annual registration fee of \$500 for all charter guides and \$350 for all other outfitter guides. Additionally, it establishes a new \$50 registration fee for crew members and increases the maximum civil penalty for certain statutory violations from \$500 to \$1,000.

By adjusting these registration fees, the measure is anticipated to increase Other Funds revenue to support program administration and enforcement.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends HB 2558 be reported out do pass.