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To: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
From: Ben Ruef, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: May 20, 2025
Subject: HB 5042 – Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots Fee bill
Work Session Recommendations

HB 5042 is the fee ratification bill of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP). The measure provides the enabling legislation necessary for fees adopted by these agencies through administrative rule and approved by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). State law (ORS 291.055) requires all new agency fees or fee increases adopted between regular sessions of the Legislative Assembly be authorized by enabling legislation or rescinded upon adjournment of the next regular session.

The Board adopted administrative rules in January 2025 to increase the operations fee from \$50 to \$70, effective July 2025. The fee, which applies to all ships using pilotage services on Oregon pilotage grounds, has not changed since it was established in 2013.

OBMP projected that, without the increase, it would end the 2025–27 biennium with less than one month of operating balance. The adjustment is expected to generate an estimated \$964,938 in additional revenue, which provides the Board with the recommended three-month operating reserve.

Although the fee is increasing by 40%, it remains a small share of overall port costs, which typically range from \$40,000 to \$500,000 per ship.

Amendment

LFO recommends adoption of the –2 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the –2 amendment to HB 5042. *(vote)*

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 5042, as amended by the –2 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 5042, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____