

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5042

Public Utility Commission – Fee Bill

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 5042 is the fee ratification bill for the Board of Maritime Pilots. The bill provides the statutory authorization required for agency fees adopted by administrative rule and approved by the Department of Administrative Services during the 2023–25 biennium. Under statute, any new fees or fee increases adopted between regular legislative sessions must be authorized by enabling legislation or automatically rescinded at the end of the next regular session.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.

The fee increase is expected to generate an estimated \$157,126 in additional revenue, which provides the Board with the recommended three-month operating reserve.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 5042 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.