

**HB 2170 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Carrier:** Rep. Helm**House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water****Action Date:** 03/19/25**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 8-0-1-0**Yeas:** 8 - Boice, Hartman, Helm, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Owens, Scharf**Exc:** 1 - Levy B**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Anna Glueder, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 2/10, 3/19**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Marine Board, or the Oregon Department of Agriculture to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with a Tribal governments of federally recognized sovereign Tribes whose borders lie within Oregon, a local government, or a local service district to assist in operating a watercraft check station, inspect recreational or commercial watercraft for the presence of aquatic invasive species, and decontaminate or order the decontamination of impacted watercrafts. Requires agreements to include specified functions to be performed by the local government and local service district, as well as provisions for monitoring and performance review. Specifies that watercraft check stations operating under these agreements are subject to all current check station laws.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Work of the three-state workgroup on aquatic invasive species
- Occurrence of quagga mussels in Idaho
- Detection stations in other states and their effectiveness in detecting infected watercrafts
- Numbers of detected infected watercrafts in Oregon

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

The amendment authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Marine Board, or the Oregon Department of Agriculture to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the purpose of staffing boat check stations with Tribal governments of federally recognized sovereign Tribes whose borders lie within Oregon. It further updates the language in current boat check station laws to reflect the language of the amended measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Aquatic invasive species (AIS) are any non-native plants, animals, and other organisms that primarily live in water habitats. AIS of particular concern in Oregon are dreissenid mussels such as quagga and zebra mussels (*D. bugensis* and *D. polymorpha* respectively) which may alter local fresh-water food webs by filtering water and removing plankton, and cause damage to infrastructure such as water intake pipes. In 2009 the Oregon Legislature passed [House Bill 2220](#) that created the AIS Prevention Program which included the establishment of watercraft inspections stations governed under [ORS 830.589](#). While the AIS Prevention Program is managed jointly by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Oregon State Marine Board, watercraft inspection staff activities are managed by ODFW.