

HB 2982 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Rep. Helm**Joint Committee On Ways and Means****Action Date:** 05/16/25**Action:** Do Pass the A-Eng bill.**House Vote****Yeas:** 8 - Bowman, Breese-Iverson, Evans, Gomberg, Levy E, Ruiz, Sanchez, Valderrama**Nays:** 2 - Cate, Drazan**Exc:** 2 - Owens, Smith G**Senate Vote****Yeas:** 8 - Anderson, Broadman, Campos, Frederick, Girod, Lieber, Manning Jr, Sollman**Nays:** 3 - Bonham, McLane, Smith DB**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Twais Broadus, Fiscal Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 5/7, 5/16**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure increases certain fees administered by the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) related to boat registration, aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention, and nonmotorized waterway access. It raises the AIS prevention permit fee for non-resident boats, increases the biennial registration fee for motorized boats, and adjusts the registration fee for boat liveries with five or more rental boats. It also increases the share of revenue from waterway access permits directed to the AIS Prevention Fund and modifies the fee structure to apply to more nonmotorized boats by removing the 10-foot minimum length requirement, while exempting boats under 10 feet used for whitewater recreation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program is designed to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful non-native species in Oregon, with a primary focus on quagga and zebra mussels, as well as the aquatic plant Hydrilla. The program also targets the containment of Eurasian watermilfoil and the New Zealand mudsnail. Funded entirely by boating-related fees, the program supports boat inspection stations, education, and outreach. Revenue comes from motorboat registration transfers, a portion of Waterway Access Permit fees, and annual permits required for non-resident powerboat operators. The Oregon State Marine Board collects these fees and distributes funding to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to operate and manage the inspection program.