

SB 459 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Lewis

**House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans**

Action Date: 05/20/25

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Yeas: 7 - Boice, Evans, Grayber, Lewis, Skarlatos, Tran, Watanabe

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/22, 5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the three public members of the Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots be Oregon residents and requires one licensed member of the Board be an Oregon resident. Applies residency requirements to board members appointed or reappointed after the effective date.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Questions about residency requirements for board members

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment requires public members of the board be Oregon residents and that at least one licensed member of the board be an Oregon resident. Applies residency requirements to board members appointed or reappointed after the effective date.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots (OBMP) was established in 1846 and is currently under the jurisdiction of the Public Utility Commission. OBMP's mission is to promote public safety by ensuring qualified persons pilot vessels entering and leaving Oregon's ports, and the Board establishes programs for pilot trainee and apprentice selection and training, incident investigations, license administration, and ratemaking.

Statute establishes that the OBMP consists of nine members (ORS 776.105) and that three must be a Columbia River Bar licensee, a Columbia River licensee, and a Coos Bay or Yaquina Bay licensee. In current statute, each of these specific OBMP members is required to be an Oregon resident.