

# House Bill 3543

Sponsored by Representatives HELM, OWENS

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act gives money to the DEQ to stop aquatic invasive species in ballast water. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8).

Appropriates moneys to the Department of Environmental Quality to conduct activities related to ballast water to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to aquatic invasive species; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**  
5 **ated to the Department of Environmental Quality, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,**  
6 **out of the General Fund, the amount of \$175,000 for the purpose of inspecting vessels and**  
7 **verifying compliance with ORS 783.625 to 783.640 to minimize the risk of introducing aquatic**  
8 **invasive species into the waters of this state.**

9 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
10 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect**  
11 **July 1, 2025.**

12  

---

  
**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.