

SB 301-3
(LC 3283)
4/7/25 (HE/ps)

Requested by Senator MEEK

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 301**

1 In line 2 of the printed bill, after “boats” insert “; creating new pro-
2 visions; amending ORS 830.643 and section 4, chapter 119, Oregon Laws 2022;
3 repealing section 4, chapter 119, Oregon Laws 2022; and prescribing an ef-
4 fective date”.

5 Delete lines 4 through 8 and insert:

6 **“SECTION 1.** ORS 830.643 is amended to read:

7 “830.643. (1) A person may obtain a towed watersports endorsement if:

8 “(a)(A) The person is a resident of this state and the person holds a
9 boating safety education card issued under ORS 830.086; or

10 “(B) The person is not a resident of this state and the person holds a
11 current out-of-state boating certificate;

12 “(b) The person passes the towed watersports endorsement examination,
13 or the equivalency examination, as described in ORS 830.640;

14 “(c) The person pays the fee established by the State Marine Board under
15 ORS 830.646; and

16 “(d) The person provides any other information required by the board by
17 rule.

18 “(2) A person may obtain a towed watersports motorboat certificate if the
19 person is the owner of a registered motorboat and:

20 “(a) The person holds a towed watersports endorsement issued under this
21 section;

1 “(b) *The maximum loading weight of the motorboat is less than 5,500*
2 *pounds, which is the sum of the factory-specified dry gross weight of the*
3 *motorboat and the factory-specified maximum factory ballast capacity of the*
4 *motorboat;*]

5 **“(b) The motorboat loading weight meets the requirements for**
6 **maximum loading weight established by the board by rule;**

7 “(c) The person provides the board with information regarding the
8 motorboat’s make, model, length, dry gross weight and maximum factory
9 ballast capacity specifications as listed by the manufacturer; and

10 “(d) The person provides any other information required by the board by
11 rule.

12 “(3) A towed watersports endorsement and towed watersports motorboat
13 certificate issued under this section starts on the day the endorsement or
14 certificate is issued and expires on December 31 of the last year in the two-
15 year period.

16 “(4) A person issued a towed watersports endorsement or towed
17 watersports motorboat certificate under this section may renew the endorse-
18 ment or certificate by:

19 “(a) Paying the towed watersports endorsement renewal fee established
20 under ORS 830.646; and

21 “(b) Completing an application in the form and manner required by the
22 board by rule.

23 “(5) The board shall issue a towed watersports motorboat certificate in
24 the form of a decal. The decal must be affixed to the forward portion of the
25 motorboat, visible above the waterline and in accordance with rules adopted
26 by the board.

27 “(6) The board may appoint agents to issue towed watersports endorse-
28 ments and towed watersports motorboat certificates.

29 “(7) Agents shall issue towed watersports endorsements and towed
30 watersports motorboat certificates in accordance with procedures prescribed

1 by the board by rule and shall charge and collect the endorsement fees pre-
2 scribed by law.

3 “(8) The board may authorize an agent other than a board employee to
4 charge a service fee of \$2, in addition to the towed watersports endorsement
5 fee, for the issuance service performed by the agent.

6 “(9) The board shall supply the agents with towed watersports endorse-
7 ments and towed watersports motorboat certificates, if applicable.

8 **“SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 830.643 by section 1 of this**
9 **2025 Act become operative on January 2, 2029.**

10 **“SECTION 3.** Section 4, chapter 119, Oregon Laws 2022, is amended to
11 read:

12 **“Sec. 4.** *[(1) The State Marine Board may conduct a study on increasing*
13 *or decreasing the maximum loading weight prescribed in ORS 830.643. If the*
14 *board undertakes a study, the board shall determine on the basis of objective,*
15 *peer-reviewed scientific research whether increasing or decreasing the maxi-*
16 *mum loading weight is likely to:]*

17 **“(1) The State Marine Board shall conduct a study to determine on**
18 **the basis of objective, peer-reviewed scientific research the maximum**
19 **loading weight of a motorboat. When conducting the study and es-**
20 **tablishing the maximum loading weight, the board shall take into**
21 **consideration the following:**

22 **“(a)** *[Have an adverse]* **The** effect on the waters, beds and banks of this
23 state;

24 **“(b)** *[Have an adverse]* **The** effect on aquatic, nearshore and shoreline
25 habitats, fish and wildlife habitats and salmonid habitats; *[or]* **and**

26 **“(c)** *[Exceed or violate]* State or federal turbidity limits.

27 **“(2)** Before making a determination, the board shall consult with and re-
28 ceive comments from the Department of State Lands, the State Department
29 of Fish and Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Quality.

30 **“(3)** *[If the board undertakes a study under this section,]* **No later than**

1 **September 15, 2028**, the board shall report to the interim committees of the
2 Legislative Assembly related to the environment, in the manner provided in
3 ORS 192.245, on the board’s research, findings, determinations and recom-
4 mendations, including recommendations for legislative changes, if any.

5 **“SECTION 4. Section 4, chapter 119, Oregon Laws 2022, as amended**
6 **by section 3 of this 2025 Act, is repealed on January 2, 2029.**

7 **“SECTION 5. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**
8 **date on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative**
9 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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