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Support for HB 5021: State Marine Board Budget

Dear Co Chairs Frederick and Levy and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Trails Coalition advisory council includes representatives from more than thirty federal, state, and local agencies, trail user groups, outdoor industry and tourism partners, and volunteer organizations. We represent walkers, bikers, runners, paddlers, equestrians, adaptive equipment users, skiers, snowmobilers, and motorized trail enthusiasts.

We are writing today to share our support for HB 5021, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) budget.

OSMB's water access, safety and education, and environmental work is critical to protecting Oregon's waterways and providing access to nature for Oregonians. Their work increases environmental quality as well as safety for all who access our waterways, whether as motorized or nonmotorized boaters and paddlers, anglers, or those just seeking to cool off in the water on hot days.

We are in full support of the agency's and Governor's budget request.

Thank you for your leadership,

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Stephanie Noll, Director, Oregon Trails Coalition