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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon is NEUTRAL on SB 795
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I am NEUTRAL on [SB 795 and -1].

From the TEXT of [SB 795 and -1], "... SECTION 11. ORS 830.948 is amended to read: 830.948.

(1) The Salvaged Vessel Subaccount is established within the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement and Facility Account created under ORS 830.140. The subaccount shall consist of moneys deposited into the subaccount by the State Marine Board from fees collected pursuant to ORS 830.790 and 830.850. The moneys in the subaccount are continuously appropriated to the board for the purposes specified in this section.

(2) The board may not deposit more than \$150,000 per biennium into the Salvaged Vessel Subaccount and may not retain more than \$150,000 in the subaccount at any time. After the board has deposited \$150,000 into the subaccount under this subsection or any time there is more than \$150,000 in the subaccount, any remaining moneys from fees collected pursuant to ORS 830.790 and 830.850 shall be deposited in the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement and Facility Account."

Abandoned and derelict vessels (ADVs) cost taxpayers plenty.

*** [SB 795 and -1] is an outstanding improvement but, "The Salvaged Vessel Subaccount" must be a 'bullet proof' Restricted Use Fund to protect the Fund, from crafty Legislators who might, in the future will reallocate monies in the fund for other purposes.

*** [SB 795 and -1] is poorly funded and when one considers the involvement of numerous Government agencies, Contractors, salvage / removal operations and et cetera, [\$150,000] is just lunch money.

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Mr. Oregon Concurs and says, "[SB 795 and -1] is a great step forward to rid the waterways of unsightly and dangerous obstacles threatening the boating public's safety. However, the lack of foresight with reference to the absence of cogent budget allocation(s) from identified funding source(s) speaks loudly as to the incompetence of the construction of [SB 795 and -1] which will negatively affect projected perennial success of the ADVs removal program."