

HB 4004-12
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Requested by Representative YUNKER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 4004**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “308A.707” insert “and
2 830.624”.

3 On page 2, after line 29, insert:

4 **“SECTION 4.** ORS 830.624 is amended to read:

5 “830.624. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section,
6 a person 14 years of age or older shall carry a waterway access permit while
7 operating a nonmotorized boat **that is at least 10 feet in length** or a
8 sailboat that is **at least 10 feet in length but** less than 12 feet in length,
9 in the manner provided by the State Marine Board by rule. The person shall
10 present proof of a permit upon request by a peace officer.

11 “(2) A waterway access permit under this section is transferable to any
12 nonmotorized boat **that is at least 10 feet in length** or a sailboat that is
13 **at least 10 feet in length but** less than 12 feet in length.

14 “(3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

15 “(a) Days that the board designates, by rule, as free boating days and on
16 which the board allows individuals to operate a boat described in subsection
17 (1) of this section without holding an otherwise required waterway access
18 permit.

19 “(b) A person operating a boat owned by an operator of a boat livery if
20 the operator of a boat livery displays proof of holding a waterway access
21 permit according to rules adopted by the board.

“(c) A person operating a boat on a federally designated wild and scenic river for which a separate fee system is in place.

“(d) A person operating a boat if the person is engaged in law enforcement, public safety or official business of a federal, state or municipal agency, as defined by the board by rule.

“(e) A resident of a bordering state who launches a boat from that bordering state into bordering waters, as defined by the board by rule.

“(f) A person operating a boat if the person holds a nonmotorized boating permit, a registration or a similar authorization that is issued by another state and accepted by the board by rule.

“(g) A person who is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state and who is engaged in tribal fishing or a tribal ceremony.

“(h) Nonmotorized boats that are [*less than 10 feet in length that are*]:

“(A) Engaged in whitewater recreation activities, as defined by the board by rule; and

“(B) Operated on waters of this state identified by the board by rule.

“(4) The board may adopt rules that provide additional exemptions from the requirement to obtain a permit under subsection (1) of this section.”.

In line 30, delete “4” and insert “5”.