



Oregon State Marine Board

House Bill 2320 -Non-Motorized Boating Program

Purpose This legislative concept creates a non-motorized boating program managed by the Oregon State Marine Board.

Background Non-motorized boating activities now equal or exceed motorized boating on Oregon’s waterways. Marine Board funding comes primarily from motorized boating activities and most programs are focused on meeting motorized needs. However, non-motorized boaters use launch ramps, restrooms and require law enforcement assistance and have needs for additional access points, education opportunities, and boating safety services. On average, non-motorized boaters account for half of the annual boating fatalities in Oregon.

As part of the agency’s current strategic plan, a non-motorized boating program was recommended by an external advisory committee in conjunction with feedback from surveys and public meetings. The Marine Board was directed in a budget note in the 15-17 LAB to bring forward legislation for licensing non-motorized boats.

Fees \$4 for a one week permit (+ \$1 AIS), \$12 for an annual permit (+ \$5 AIS), \$20 for a biennial permit (+ \$10 AIS). Establishes reduced fees for livery operators.

Summary This legislative concept proposes to create a new section of ORS Chapter 830, Non-Motorized Boating Program. Establishes a Non-motorized Boating Program Fund.

Voluntary Education: Sets minimum standards for courses and examinations. Provide grants and incentives to partners to carry out program.

Safety: Contracts for marine patrols in areas with significant non-motorized use. May contract for removal of obstructions that are deemed hazards to safe navigation.

Access: Provides grants to assist public agencies with the purchase, construction, renovation, expansion or development of non-motorized boating facilities, whitewater parks and competition courses.

Non-Motorized Boating Permit Rules: Requires a person 14 years of age and older, operating any boat lengths to purchase and carry a permit. Allows the non-motorized permit to be combined with the aquatic invasive species prevention permit. Exemptions exist for certain circumstances.

Other Program Concepts: Defines a “non-motorized craft” as an object, not propelled by machinery or defined as a boat, capable of supporting a person in the water. Requires life jacket wear, as designated by the Board, when operated on all rivers and streams. Failure to wear a life jacket on a river and stream, punishable by maximum fine of \$30.

Fiscal Impact	<u>2017-2019</u>	<u>2019-2021</u>
Revenue	<u>\$2,161,889</u>	<u>\$2,937,209</u>
Expenditures		
Staff	\$ 270,180	\$ 410,332
S&S	\$ 201,373	\$ 238,245
*Capital Outlay	\$ 37,500	\$ 52,250
*Special Payments	<u>\$1,362,022</u>	<u>\$1,409,693</u>
Total	<u>\$1,871,075</u>	<u>\$2,110,520</u>

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