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Subject: Support HB 2320 - Non-Motorized Boating Program
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Chair McKeown and Committee Members -

I apologize for not submitting this as a PDF file; I am out of town addressing a family matter and had hoped to be able to be in Salem to testify.

As a member of the committee that spent nearly four and a half years learning about, studying, and crafting this bill, I encourage your support of it. I have been a nonmotorized boating enthusiast for over 40 years, including small dinghy sailing, competitive sculling and flatwater sprint kayak/surfski racing, as well as coaching rowing and kayaking.

Most of the committee members were not aware of the Marine Board, because the Marine Board doesn't directly own or operate anything. We learned that, for example, when a rowing coach calls the sheriff about an unsafe motorboat operator, that's the Marine Board. The creation and maintenance of no-wake zones? That's the Marine Board. Removal of storm debris hazards on a popular whitewater rafting river? That's the Marine Board, too.

Pay-to-play is not new to the recreation industry...skiers have long paid for Snow-Park tags, and grooming fees, hikers have paid for trailhead parking and trail passes. Nonmotorized water sport participation is growing rapidly, and using State and local resources. It is only fair that we help pay for the services and facilities we use.

That we help pay, also gives us a stronger voice at the Marine Board when we request facilities, no-wake zones, or improved marine law enforcement.

The proposed program does NOT change the requirements for PFD wear for rowers and scullers, as some rowing enthusiasts claim. The proposed program does, at the request of law enforcement, add a requirement for water craft users (innertubes, pool toys) who float on moving water, to wear PFDs, in the hope of reducing call-outs and rescues in the event of a damaged tube. The Committee's intent was that waterways such as Bend's Mirror Pond could be exempted from the PFD requirement, if Bend so chooses, through the OSMB Rulemaking Process.

The permit is transferable, acknowledging that many nonmotorized boaters have several boats, and is a relatively low cost. The proposed permit also follows the same concept at the Aquatic Invasive Species tag, which boaters have been purchasing for several years...there is no learning curve for permit acquisition and display.

The proposed program is fair, reasonable, and easy to implement. I encourage your support.

Sincerely,

Laura Jackson

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