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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Natural Resources (originally sponsored by Representatives Fromhold, Lisk, Doumit, Chandler, Grant, Hankins, Hatfield and Delvin)

Brief Description: Determining ballast water treatment methods for the Columbia river system.

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Finds that the states of Washington and Oregon have a unique stewardship and challenge in jointly managing issues affecting the navigable waters of the Columbia river system. This joint stewardship must deal efficiently and effectively with ballast water management in order to have an effective aquatic nuisance species prevention program, but not unduly impair the regional and international trade that is so important to our economies.

Provides that, when practical and cost-effective, implementation of ballast water management laws, rules, and regulations adopted by the states of Washington and Oregon should be coordinated among all affected parties, including all public agencies and private interests.