

SB 65 -- RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF BOATS

SPONSOR: Schatz (Ross)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on General Laws by a vote of 11 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Legislative Oversight by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill exempts vessels propelled by outboard jet motors and vessels not originally manufactured with adequate guards or railing from the provisions prohibiting passengers from riding in certain areas of a boat.

This bill is the same as HB 2230 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that there are boats that are designed without guard rails because of their size. The law was not originally intended to restrict passengers from these boats. This bill would create an exemption so the passengers of these boats are not in violation of the law.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Schatz.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.