

SS SCS SB 752 -- BOAT PASSENGERS

SPONSOR: Schatz

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 7 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that the requirement for boat passengers to ride only within adequate guards or railing when underway shall not apply to vessels propelled by propellers or jet motors when such vessels are operating on a stretch of waterway not created or widened by impoundment.

The bill is similar to HB 2116 (2018), SB 65 and HB 558 (2017), and HB 2230 (2016).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would essentially allow anglers to not be in violation of state law while fishing.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Schatz.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.