
2055SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Sabrina Cervantes, Chair
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AB 2055 (Jeff Gonzalez) - Vessels: operation: registration

Version: June 16, 2026

Urgency: No

Hearing Date: August 13, 2026

Policy Vote: PUB. S. 6 - 0, TRANS. 12 - 0

Mandate: Yes

Consultant: Bob Franzoia

Bill Summary: AB 2055 would revise registration and operation specifications of vessels and expand the scope of certain vessel related penalties.

***** ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE *****

The following information is revised to reflect amendments
adopted by the committee on August 13, 2026

Fiscal Impact: Workload increase of \$175,000 annually to the Department of Parks and Recreation Division of Boating and Waterways resulting from the change in the definition of a for-hire vessel from more than three to one or more (Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund).

Minor, absorbable costs to the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). It is the responsibility of the local agency to ensure that their course is POST certified.

The Department of Motor Vehicles would have absorbable costs associated with requiring every vessel using the water or on the waters of California be registered with the state, to the extent permissible under federal law.

Author Amendments:

- Provide that the provisions do not apply to public safety activities, as specified.
- Set January 1, 2028, as the operative date.
- Set January 1, 2034, as the repeal date.
- Provide that an owner shall apply for a decal if the vessel remains in California waters for more than 60 days and shall display the decal if it remains in California waters for more than 90 days.
- Provide that a decal is not a form of registration and does not create title or affect a title.
- Provide that every undocumented vessel using the waters shall be numbered, as specified.

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