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OMB – maritime sector regulatory costs



The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued a notice stating that it seeks comments on how the federal government may prudently manage regulatory costs imposed on the maritime sector. Comments should be submitted by 16 July. [83 Fed. Reg. 22993](https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2018-05-17) (5/17/18)
[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-17/pdf/2018-10539.pdf>].



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DOS – meeting on 28 June re HTW 5



The Department of State (DOS) issued a notice stating that a meeting will be held on 28 June in Washington, DC to prepare for the upcoming session of the IMO Sub-Committee on Human Element, Training, and Watch Keeping (HTW 5). Topics on the agenda include fatigue, fires on ro-ro spaces, and low-flashpoint fuels. **83 Fed. Reg. 23036** (5/17/18)

[<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-05-17/pdf/2018-10480.pdf>].

Senate – bill introduced to improve drug testing



Senator Thune (R-SD) introduced a bill (S. 2848) to improve Department of Transportation controlled substances and alcohol testing, and for other purposes. Official text of the bill is not yet available. (5/15/18).

New Zealand – failure to keep a proper lookout



Maritime New Zealand issued a **media release** stating that the master of an Auckland ferry was fined \$2,000 following a collision resulting from his failure to keep a proper lookout. The collision with a recreational vessel occurred on a still night with a lot of light reflection on the water. (5/16/18)

[<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/public/news/media-releases-2018/20180516a.asp>].

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