

**74<sup>th</sup> OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2007 Regular Session  
BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY**

**MEASURE: HB 3543-B**

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**Carrier – House: Rep. Dingfelder  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Avakian**

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 15 – 5 – 2

House – Yeas: D. Edwards, Galizio, Hanna, Jenson, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

– Nays: Garrard, Morgan

– Exc:

Senate – Yeas: Bates, Brown, Courtney, Devlin, Johnson, Schrader, Verger, Westlund

– Nays: Morse, Nelson, Whitsett

– Exc: Gordly, Winters

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**Meeting Date:** 6/22/07

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**Agency**

Department of Higher Education

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**Biennium**

2007-09

**Senators:** Bates, Carter, Devlin, Gordly, Johnson, Morse, Nelson,  
Schrader, Verger, Westlund, Whitsett, Winters

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Senator Kurt Schrader, Co-Chair

**Representatives:** D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Hanna, Jenson,  
Morgan, Nathanson, Nolan, Shields

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Representative Mary Nolan, Co-Chair

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Senator Richard Devlin, Natural Resources Subcommittee Chair

**Budget Summary\***

	2005-07		2007-09		Percentage Committee Change from Governor's Budget
	Legislatively Approved Budget (1)	Governor's Budget	Committee Recommendation	Difference from Governor's Budget	
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 180,000	\$ +180,000	+100.0%

**Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	5	+5
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Positions	0.00	0.00	1.88	+1.88

(1) Includes adjustments through the December 2006 meeting of the Emergency Board

\* Excludes Capital Construction expenditures

**Summary of Revenue Changes**

General Fund is provided to support operation of the Department of Higher Education Oregon Climate Change Research Institute.

**Summary of Subcommittee Action**

House Bill 3543 sets reduction goals for greenhouse gas emissions. The bill creates the Oregon Global Warming Commission with the Department of Energy (DOE) providing clerical, technical and management personnel to serve the Commission. The Commission will recommend ways to coordinate state and local efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon; track and evaluate impacts caused by greenhouse gasses and global warming; work to identify incremental targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and, report to the Legislative Assembly on progress toward achievement of greenhouse gas emission goals. DOE indicates that staff support and reimbursement of Commission expenses can be absorbed with existing resources.

The bill also creates the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute within the Department of Higher Education. The Institute will facilitate research, serve as a climate change information clearinghouse, provide technical assistance, and at least once each biennium, assess the state of climate change science as it relates to impacts on Oregon.

The Subcommittee approved a \$180,000 General Fund appropriation and five positions (1.88 full-time equivalent positions) to operate the Climate Change Research Institute for the second year of the 2007-009 biennium. Funding will roll-up to \$360,000 in the 2009-11 biennium.

**Summary of Performance Measure Action**

None.