

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

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**Action:** Without Recommendation as to Passage, Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 5 - 0 - 0

**Yeas:** Deckert, George L., Monnes Anderson, Starr, Metsger

**Nays:** 0

**Exc.:** 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/5

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allocates \$200,000 in lottery funds to the Science and Technology Partnership Program beginning July 1, 2007. Declares an emergency and takes effect July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Activities of the Science and Technology Partnership
- Role as convener/facilitator
- Effort to consolidate requests like this through the Oregon Innovation Council

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Science and Technology Program was started in 2002 as a public-private partnership connecting university researchers with private sector engineers and scientists so that academic institutions are aware of emerging business needs and resources and the private sector is aware of university capabilities and resources to achieve advances in technology. One of the program's activities is convening and facilitating seminars and conferences around emerging industries. The partnership conducted six seminars in 2006, including the Ocean Renewable Energy Conference on wave energy in Newport and the Business of Biofuels in the Pacific Northwest conference at Mt. Hood Community College. The board intends to continue conducting seminars and to start a web-based connections service as well. The 2005 Legislative Assembly provided \$150,000 in funding for the program. Other sources of funding last biennium included Multnomah and Clackamas counties, the City of Gresham, and event registration fees and sponsorships.