

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Krieger, Nelson, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/20, 5/1

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Places moratorium on leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur in territorial sea. Defines gas, oil and territorial sea. Excludes exploration for scientific research, academic research or geologic survey activities. Specifies that provisions do not apply if Governor determines an oil embargo substantially affects the supply of oil to the United States. Requires that exploration for oil, gas or sulfur in territorial sea conform to standards of the Oregon Ocean Resources Management Program. Sunsets moratorium on January 2, 2010.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Long-term consequences of oil and gas drilling
- Protection of Oregon's fisheries, beaches and views for coastal communities and visitors
- Revenue generated from activities in territorial sea deposited in Common School Fund
- Technologies developing to extract resources with less damage

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Defines "Gas", "Oil" and "Territorial sea". Specifies that the provisions do not apply if the Governor determines an oil embargo substantially affects the supply of oil to the United States. Changes repeal date from 2012 to 2010.

BACKGROUND: A moratorium on oil and gas exploration in Oregon's territorial sea expired in 1995. The territorial sea extends from the shore to three miles off shore. SB 790A establishes a moratorium on leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur in Oregon's territorial sea except if the Governor determines that an oil embargo is substantially affecting the supply of oil to the United States. Exemptions are provided for scientific research, academic research or geologic survey activities.