

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote: 8 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Bailey, Barnhart, Bentz, Boone, Gilliam, Jenson, Smith J., Cannon
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
Prepared By: Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 4/2, 4/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes name of the Natural Heritage Program to Natural Areas Program. Changes name of Oregon Natural Heritage Plan to Oregon Natural Areas Plan. Allows institutions in the Oregon University System in addition to Oregon State University to participate in the administration of the Institute for Natural Resources.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reasons for the name change
- Proposed transfer of Natural Heritage Information Center to Portland State University

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The Oregon Natural Heritage Program is a cooperative, interagency effort to identify the plant, animal, and plant community resources of Oregon. The program is managed by the Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center, part of Oregon State University's Institute for Natural Resources. The Oregon Natural Heritage Program has three main program areas: it works to voluntarily establish natural areas in Oregon, manages the Rare and Endangered Invertebrate Program for the state, and manages the Oregon Natural Heritage Databank, containing comprehensive information on ecologically and scientifically significant natural areas in the state.