

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Herzog, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/12

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Better linkage to regional and federal programs and those in other states
- Proposed name provides more clarity as to the work being done
- Moving from an office in Portland 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.