

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the B-Eng. Measure (Printed C-Eng.)

Vote: 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Boquist, Burdick, Metsger, Devlin

Nays: Ferrioli

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Meeting Dates: 6/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates 14-member Task Force on Nearshore Research. Directs task force to make recommendations to ensure protection and utilization of Oregon's nearshore resources. Directs task force to recommend long-term funding and coordination strategy for implementing nearshore priorities of the state. Requires strategy recommended by task force to meet certain criteria. Directs task force to submit recommendations for legislation to the Governor and Emergency Board no later than August 1, 2010. Directs College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University (OSU) to provide staff. Creates Nearshore Resources Fund. Allows OSU to accept, grants, donations, contributions of gifts for deposit in the Nearshore Resources Fund. Declares an emergency; effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Establishing a Nearshore Research Institute
- Facilitating ocean habitat and fishery management projects
- Developing standardized framework and protocol for research
- Funding source
- Value of producing scientific research of nearshore habitats and species
- Types of projects and research supported by the Nearshore Resources Fund

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes task force to 14 members. Adds Director of Department of State Lands or designee. Changes membership composition to allow one member to represent sportfishers or the fishing industry; one member to represent nearshore industry other than the fishing industry. Adds one member representing nearshore recreation other than fishing.

BACKGROUND: "Nearshore resources" are generally understood to mean ocean natural resources within the state's three mile Territorial Sea. House Bill 3106-C creates a task force to make recommendations on the protection and proper utilization of Oregon's nearshore resources.