## 75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: SB 942 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Verger

Senate Committee on Environment & Natural Resources

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact **FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Rescind the Subsequent Referral to the

Committee on Ways and Means

**Vote:** 4 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder

Nays: Boquist Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/14, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the University of Oregon (UO), in consultation with Oregon State University Extension Service (OSU Extension Service), to implement the Oregon Climate Corps (Corps) through the UO Institute for a Sustainable Environment Climate Masters program. Requires that the Corps be a trained corps of volunteers to help Oregon residents, businesses, and other entities increase their understanding of climate change, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and address climate change challenges that face Oregon. Directs the program to be modeled after other successful public service programs. Specifies types of projects that the Corps should include. Requires that UO, in consultation with the OSU Extension Service, develop a long term plan to fund the Corps. Establishes the Oregon Climate Corps Fund that will be continually appropriated to UO.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Existing service programs
- Funding for OSU Extension Service
- One on one interactions that can lead to behavior changes

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The University of Oregon developed a Climate Corps master volunteer program. In order to deliver the program statewide, UO entered into a partnership with OSU Extension Services. Senate Bill 942A formalizes the partnership between the OSU Extension Services and UO to create the Oregon Climate Corps.