

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| 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: | 5/26 |

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Program modeled after Master Gardener and Master Recycler programs
- Program will only be implemented if funding is acquired
- Purposes of program

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that Corps program will only be implemented to extent possible with money received under Section 1 (3) of the Act. Clarifies that individuals participating in program will be educated on projects meant to address climate change.

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