

2009 Regular Legislative Session
FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION
Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office

MEASURE NUMBER: HB 3106 **STATUS:** C Engrossed
SUBJECT: Task Force on Nearshore Research
GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED: Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of State Lands, and Department of Higher Education
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DATE: June 18, 2009

2009-2011

EXPENDITURES:

See Comments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE: This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

COMMENTS: The bill creates the Task Force on Nearshore Research with 14 members; directs the task force to provide recommendations to ensure the protection and utilization of Oregon's nearshore resources and draft a long-term funding and coordination strategy for implementing nearshore priorities, among other things; directs the task force to submit recommendations to legislature, Governor and Emergency Board no later than August 1, 2010; directs the College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University to provide staff support; establishes the Nearshore Resource Fund which continuously appropriates to the Coastal Oregon Marine Equipment Station of Oregon State University for the purpose of task force activities; and repeals the task force on January 2, 2012.

The Department of Higher Education (DHED) anticipates Other Funds expenditures associated with providing staff support for the task force to be \$100,000 for the 2009-2011 biennium, which assumes \$45,000 for personal services and \$55,000 for travel reimbursements, contract services, and materials and supplies. At this time, no funding source has been indentified, so implementation of the bill may be delayed until funding is obtained. DHED anticipates pursuing grants, donations and contributions to carry out the provisions of the bill. Expenditures associated with grant writing are expected to be minimal and can be absorbed with existing resources.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) anticipates that they will need to have a more active role in the task force, so in addition to designating the Marine Resources Program Manager as a participant, ODFW expects that they will need to have staff involved with research, training of other members about ODFW's mission, follow-up assignments, etc. ODFW assumes this will require that the Department reallocate an existing Natural Resource Specialist 3 (0.25 FTE) for the 2009-11 biennium, which will take time away from regulation of commercial fishery and general marine resource management activities. The Department estimates that the cost associated with redeployed resources will be \$48,282 Other Funds for the 2009-2011 biennium.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development and Department of State Lands anticipate that their involvement in the task force will generally be a component of normal business activities and can be accommodated with existing resources.