

House Bill 3106

Sponsored by Representatives ROBLAN, BOONE; Representatives COWAN, WITT, Senators JOHNSON, VERGER, WHITSETT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Creates Task Force on Nearshore Research. Directs task force to provide recommendations on needs and challenges facing nearshore resources.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Higher Education for purposes of Task Force on Nearshore Research.

Sunset January 2, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2009.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to nearshore research; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) There is created the Task Force on Nearshore Research consisting of the**
5 **following nine members:**

6 (a) **The superintendent of the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station or a designee.**

7 (b) **The director of the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology or a designee.**

8 (c) **The director of Oregon Sea Grant or a designee.**

9 (d) **The manager of the State Department of Fish and Wildlife's Marine Resources Pro-**
10 **gram or a designee.**

11 (e) **The manager of the Ocean and Coastal Services Division of the Department of Land**
12 **Conservation and Development or a designee.**

13 (f) **The following four members appointed by the Governor:**

14 (A) **One member representing local government;**

15 (B) **One member representing environmental organizations;**

16 (C) **One member representing industry; and**

17 (D) **One member representing federal interests.**

18 (2) **The superintendent of the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station or the super-**
19 **intendent's designee shall serve as chairperson.**

20 (3) **The purpose of the task force is to ensure both the protection and utilization of**
21 **Oregon's nearshore resources.**

22 (4) **The task force shall:**

23 (a) **Provide recommendations on the needs and challenges facing Oregon's nearshore re-**
24 **sources;**

25 (b) **Identify key elements that must be considered in the creation of a long-term invest-**
26 **ment plan for Oregon's nearshore resources, and prepare a draft of the long-term invest-**
27 **ment plan; and**

28 (c) **Identify opportunities to enhance research funding resources, and to improve the ef-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **fectiveness of those funding resources, for nearshore resources.**

2 **(5) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**
3 **of business.**

4 **(6) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**
5 **of the task force.**

6 **(7) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-**
7 **ment to become immediately effective.**

8 **(8) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**
9 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

10 **(9) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

11 **(10) The task force shall submit a report, and shall include recommendations for legis-**
12 **lation and a copy of its draft long-term investment plan for Oregon's nearshore resources,**
13 **to the Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2011.**

14 **(11) The College of Agricultural Sciences of Oregon State University shall provide the**
15 **task force with staff support, by using Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station employees**
16 **or by contract.**

17 **(12) Members of the task force are not entitled to compensation, but may be reimbursed**
18 **for actual and necessary travel expenses incurred by them in the performance of their offi-**
19 **cial duties in the manner and amounts provided for in ORS 292.495. Claims for expenses shall**
20 **be paid out of funds appropriated to the Department of Higher Education for that purpose.**

21 **(13) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**
22 **the task force in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating**
23 **to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the task force**
24 **consider necessary to perform their duties.**

25 **SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Higher Education, for the**
26 **biennium beginning July 1, 2009, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$100,000 for the**
27 **purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 1 of this 2009 Act.**

28 **SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2009 Act is repealed on January 2, 2012.**

29 **SECTION 4. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
30 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect**
31 **July 1, 2009.**

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