

1 million beginning in 2014, with a proportionately higher return on investment to the state; and

2 Whereas the State of Oregon will realize a taxable return of zero without a replacement vessel,
3 and will suffer economically from the loss of jobs and industry associated with the operation, main-
4 tenance and upkeep of a research vessel, including the loss of seagoing oceanographers from the
5 state; now, therefore,

6 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

7 That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, recognize the responsibility of
8 the role of the coastal State of Oregon in providing leadership in this nation's stewardship of the
9 oceans and that the loss of Research Vessel Wecoma without a replacement is a net economic loss
10 to Oregon, and therefore resolve to support the operation of a new Oceans Class Research Vessel,
11 to be obtained through competitive proposal to the United States Navy, in the amount of \$500,000
12 per annum beginning in 2014 or at the time the new Oceans Class Research Vessel becomes opera-
13 tional.

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