

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Eng. Bill
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Atkinson, Boquist, Hass, Prozanski, Dingfelder
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Beth Patrino, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits any form of leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur in the Territorial Sea. Prohibition does not apply to exploration for scientific or academic research purposes, geologic survey activities of State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries or if Governor determines that an oil embargo substantially affects oil supply of the United States. Any exploration must comply with standards of Oregon Ocean Resources Management Program. Sunsets prohibition January 2, 2020. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Renewable vs. non-renewable resource use
- Economic value of coastal tourism and commercial and sports fishing
- Extent of potential oil/gas reserves in Oregon’s Territorial Sea

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The “Territorial Sea” is defined in ORS 196.405 as the waters and seabed extending three geographical miles seaward in conformance with federal law. The 2007 Legislature adopted a prohibition on leasing for purposes of exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur that sunset on January 2, 2010. (Chapter 521, Oregon Laws 2007) House Bill 3613A would prohibit leasing for exploration, development or production of oil, gas or sulfur in the Territorial Sea until January 2, 2020.