### FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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#### **Measure Description:**

Modifies provisions related to marine reserves.

# **Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of State Lands, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:** See Analysis

#### **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.

## Analysis:

The measure modifies provisions related to marine reserves. The measure requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Department of State Lands (DSL) to study, monitor, evaluate, enforce and implement marine reserves or marine protected areas at Otter Rock, Redfish Rocks, Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, and Cape Perpetua. Additionally the measure requires an evaluation of a marine reserve proposal at Cape Arago-Seven Devils. The measure modifies the ODFW work plan regarding marine reserves and requires a report on the modified work plan and funding to the Legislative Assembly.

The measure establishes the Ocean Resources Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, continuously appropriates the moneys in the fund to ODFW. The moneys in the fund are to be used for purposes of the work plan and may consist of only gifts, grants or contributions from any source. The measure requires that any unexpended moneys in the State Wildlife Fund that were accepted for the work plan is transferred to the Ocean Resources Fund. The measure establishes a \$1 limitation of Other Funds for the Ocean Resources Fund.

ODFW anticipates the need for six full-time positions, a Fish and Wildlife Biologist, four Natural Resource Specialists, and an Experimental Biologist Aide, totaling \$1,644,004, to conduct the monitoring, biological studies, and economic studies included in the modified work plan for marine reserves. The positions and expenditures for ODFW are assumed in a policy package in the Governor's budget for ODFW. The \$1,644,004 includes a one-time transfer of \$500,000 from the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) that is included in OPRD's Governor's budget. The remaining \$1,144,004 is funded in the Governor's budget with Measure 76 dedicated Lottery Funds.

There is a minimal expenditure impact to DSL for changes to administrative rule as a result of this measure.

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