

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: HB 3451 - 1**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session  
Legislative Fiscal Office**Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed  
Versions are Considered Official**Prepared by: Krista McDowell  
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Date: 4/2/2013**Measure Description:**

Establishes Oceangoing Research Vessel Program to conduct certain marine research.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Oregon University System (OUS)

**Summary of Expenditure Impact for Oregon University System (OUS):**

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	<b>2013-15 Biennium</b>	<b>2015-17 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$330,000	\$630,000
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$330,000</b>	<b>\$630,000</b>
Positions		
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**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:**

HB 3451-1 establishes the Oceangoing Research Vessel Program at Oregon State University to conduct certain marine research as well as creates the Research Vessel Council and specifies member composition. The bill appropriates \$330,000 million General Fund (GF) to Oregon University System (OUS) for distribution to Oregon State University in the 2013-15 biennium.

Support for the establishment, staffing, supplies and cost of preparing an annual report for the Legislative Assembly by the Research Vessel Council are estimated to cost \$30,000 GF for the 2013-15 biennium and \$30,000 GF for the 2015-17 biennium. Additionally, 10 days of ship use, which includes fuel, supplies, and labor, will cost \$300,000 GF during the 2013-15 biennium. OUS anticipates an additional 20 days of ship operations to complete future research which results in an estimated cost of \$600,000 GF for the 2015-17 biennium.

Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) notes that with the passage of SB 242 (2011), which changed OUS status to a non-state agency, OUS no longer is eligible for direct appropriation from the General Fund.

Instead, all future appropriations for use by OUS must be made to a state agency, such as Department of Administrative Services, for transfer to OUS.

Minimal fiscal impact, associated with the passage of this bill, is reported by the following affected agencies: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), Department of Land Conservation and Development, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW). While this individual measure has a minimal impact to the previously stated agencies, an agency may incur a net fiscal impact greater than minimal depending on the cumulative impact of all measures enacted into law that affect the agency.