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SUMMARY

Prescribes duties for specified scientific and technical advisory committee and gives committee authority to select members.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to ocean resources; amending ORS 196.451; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 196.451 is amended to read:

196.451. (1) [*To aid and advise the Ocean Policy Advisory Council in the performance of its functions, the council*] **The Ocean Policy Advisory Council** shall establish a permanent scientific and technical advisory committee chaired by the director of the Sea Grant College program or other similarly qualified member of the [*Ocean Policy Advisory Council and may establish additional committees as needed*] **council**.

(2) The committee shall consist of members:

(a) Appointed by the council; or

(b) Selected according to the procedures described in subsection (4) of this section.

(3) The committee shall:

(a) Aid and advise the council in the performance of the council's functions.

(b) Advise, subject to the availability of funds and time, state agencies on matters related to this state's ocean or nearshore re-

1 **sources.**

2 **(4) If the committee determines that it is not equipped to perform**
3 **its research duties, the committee may select individuals for commit-**
4 **tee membership according to the following procedures:**

5 **(a) The committee first must determine that a new discipline needs**
6 **to be represented by the committee.**

7 **(b) After determining that a new discipline needs to be represented,**
8 **the committee must solicit the names of candidates from the public.**

9 **(c) The committee must evaluate the expertise of the candidates,**
10 **nominate candidates for committee membership and solicit feedback**
11 **from the public on those nominations. In evaluating and nominating**
12 **candidates under this paragraph, the committee must consider the**
13 **candidate's expertise and availability and any potential or actual con-**
14 **flict of interest.**

15 **(d) After receiving feedback from the public, the committee may**
16 **select a new member from among the candidates.**

17 **(5) In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the council shall adopt**
18 **rules for the administration of subsection (4) of this section.**

19 **[(2)] (6) The council may establish additional advisory committees**
20 **as needed. Members of any advisory committee established under this**
21 **section** [*Members of the advisory committees*] **are not entitled to compen-**
22 **sation, but in the discretion of the council may be reimbursed from funds**
23 **available to council for actual and necessary travel and other expenses in-**
24 **curred by them in the performance of their official duties, subject to ORS**
25 **292.495.**

26 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
27 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
28 **clared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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