

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Baertschiger, Burdick, Close, Prozanski, Roblan
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/26

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Expands role of Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) to include, as resources allow, making recommendations to state agencies on matters relating to ocean or nearshore resources. Establishes procedures to identify and nominate new STAC members. Requires STAC to provide list of nominees from which OPAC may appoint new members. Directs OPAC to adopt rules for STAC member selection. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- STAC's role in advising ODFW on marine reserves
- Maintains STAC primary responsibilities to OPAC but allows it to be scientific body of expertise for other agencies
- Formalizes procedures to appoint members to STAC
- Importance of peer-review to evaluate scientific and technical merit

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Ocean Policy Advisory Council (OPAC) is a legislatively mandated marine policy advisory body to the Governor of Oregon. OPAC works with the public to make recommendations on issues of ocean policy ranging from ocean-based energy generation plans to developing marine reserves in the territorial sea. The Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) was established to aid and advise OPAC. When OPAC needs scientific or technical advice on an issue, the STAC identifies appropriate experts and engages their assistance. The STAC is the only legislatively-mandated advisory committee to OPAC.

Senate Bill 580 authorizes the STAC to, in addition to its responsibilities to OPAC, make recommendations to state agencies as resources allow. In addition, the Act establishes procedures and considerations for nominating persons to the STAC.