

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3451 - A

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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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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	2013-15 Biennium	2015-17 Biennium
General Fund	\$330,000	\$630,000
Lottery Funds		
Other Funds		
Federal Funds		
Total Funds	\$330,000	\$630,000
Positions		
FTE		

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.