77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee on Rural Communities & Economic Development

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 4 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Baertschiger, Close, Prozanski, Roblan

Nays: 0

Exc.: Burdick

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Meeting Dates: 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires person authorized by public body to develop energy resources in Oregon's territorial sea to share geological and geophysical data with Oregon State University's territorial sea mapping project starting on January 1, 2014. Allows Director of Department of State Lands to adopt rules or take action necessary to implement Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

MEASURE: HB 2694 A

CARRIER: Sen. Roblan

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Purpose and use of seafloor mapping
- Provisions of bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Oregon's territorial sea is defined as the waters and seabed extending seaward three miles from the Pacific coastline. The State Land Board, and the Department of State Lands as its administrative arm, have jurisdiction over the submerged and submersible land of the territorial sea. In 2009, the Legislature earmarked \$1.3 million for mapping the territorial sea floor, and with additional support from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Oregon State University began a mapping project in spring and summer 2010. However, large sections of Oregon's territorial sea are presently unmapped. HB 2694 A seeks to use the development of energy sources as a means to augment Oregon's territorial sea data.