

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2209 - A**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Creates Task Force on Shellfish.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission

**Summary of Expenditure Impact – Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC):**

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$500,000	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Summary of Expenditure Impact – Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA):**

	2015-17 Biennium	2017-19 Biennium
General Fund	\$125,000	\$0
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**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:**

House Bill 2209 establishes the 11-member Oregon Shellfish Task Force charged with developing and producing a draft of the Oregon Shellfish Initiative that set forth priorities and implementation strategies for addressing shellfish production in Oregon. The bill specifies elements that must be included in the Initiative. The task force sunsets on December 31, 2016. In addition, the bill clarifies that any person cultivating oysters, clams or mussels on public or private land in Oregon must file an annual report with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODVA). The bill specifies that individually identifiable information contained in these reports is a trade secret and is not subject to public disclosure. ODA may use and disclose information from these reports in aggregate form. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

The bill appropriates \$500,000 General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to Oregon State University to fund research activities related to shellfish, including monitoring the effects of ocean acidification at the Whiskey Creek Shellfish Hatchery, and conducting the Molluscan Broodstock Program at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in conjunction with the Whiskey Creek Shellfish Hatcher.

Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)

The bill appropriates \$125,000 General Fund to the Oregon Department of Agriculture for the 2015-17 biennium for the purpose of conducting a pilot project for increasing the frequency of water quality monitoring and analysis related to the closure and opening of shellfish harvesting in Tillamook Bay.

Legislative Administration Committee

The Legislative Administration Committee is directed to provide staff support and reimbursements to committee members. Although the 2015-17 Legislative Branch budget contains funds allocated for interim committee and task force, if the work required by this task force, or if the cumulative enactment of other legislation with interim committees and task forces exceeds expenditure levels beyond those assumed in the 2015-17 budget, additional General Fund resources may be required.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

The fiscal impact on ODW is anticipated to be minimal. ODFW is required to serve on the Oregon Shellfish Task Force.

This bill requires budgetary action for the allocation of General Fund.