

**SB 281 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

**Meeting Dates:** 4/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$1,000,000 from the General Fund into the Oregon Ocean Science Fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:**

The 2013 Oregon Legislative Assembly established the Ocean Science Trust (Trust) and Fund to promote peer-reviewed, competitive research and monitoring that leads to increased knowledge and understanding of Oregon's ocean and coastal resources; promote innovative, collaborative, community-oriented, multi-institutional approaches to research and monitoring related to Oregon's ocean and coastal resources; and enhance the state's capacity for peer-reviewed scientific ocean and coastal research. Subject to available funding, the Trust is also directed to establish and execute a competitive grant program to conduct research and monitoring related to Oregon's ocean and coastal resources. The Trust is comprised of five voting members appointed by the State Land Board, and two non-voting members from the legislature (one Senator and one Representative). DSL provides administrative support, meeting coordination, and other support to the Trust.

Senate Bill 281 would appropriate \$1,000,000 to the Oregon Science Trust Fund.