

SB 285 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

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$4,600,000 from the General Fund to provide matching funds for the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center at Oregon State University to receive federal funds for a deepwater test facility for utility scale wave energy converters. Declares emergency, effective 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 Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center (NNMREC) was established in 2008 by the United States Department of Energy to facilitate the development of marine renewable energy technologies. University partners include Oregon State University, the University of Washington, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The NNMREC mission is to "facilitate commercialization of marine energy technology, inform regulatory and policy decisions, and close key gaps in scientific understanding with a focus on student growth and development."

Senate Bill 281 would appropriate \$4,600,000 to provide matching funds for the Northwest National Marine Renewable Energy Center at Oregon State University to receive federal funds for a deepwater test facility for utility scale wave energy converters.