

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: HB 3234 - A

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Measure Description:

Appropriates General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon State Police, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for various purposes.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon State Police (OSP), Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)

Summary of Expenditure Impact: See Analysis

Analysis:

HB 3234-A appropriates a total of \$3,015,000 out of the General Fund to the Department of Agriculture, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Oregon State Police, and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission is appropriated from the General Fund at total of \$850,000, \$570,000 of for the Molluscan Broodstock Program at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in conjunction with the Whiskey Creek Shellfish Hatchery; and \$280,000 of which for monitoring the effects of ocean acidification and conducting ocean acidification research at the Whiskey Creek Shellfish Hatchery.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture is appropriated from the General Fund a total of \$30,000 for activities related to assessing the economic effects of ocean acidification on the commercial cultivation of oysters in Oregon; and the benefits of research and outreach activities to assess the commercial oyster cultivation industry in addressing the economic effects of ocean acidification.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife is appropriated from the General Fund a total of \$1,985,000 to implement a series of recommendations offered by the Oregon Shellfish Task Force. In total, ODFW has indicated that the work includes an increase in five positions in the 2017-19 biennium (4.75 FTE), and four positions (2.00 FTE) in the 2019-21 biennium. Personal Services costs are estimated to be \$607,047 in the 2017-19 biennium, and \$263,374 in the 2019-21 biennium. Services and Supplies costs are estimated to be \$192,058 in the 2017-19 biennium, and \$65,521 in the 2019-21 biennium, with Special Payments of \$466,000 in the 2017-19 biennium, and \$218,000 in the 2019-21 biennium.

The Oregon State Police is appropriated from the General Fund a total of \$150,000 to support enforcement activities related to shellfish under wildlife laws and rules, and to collaborate with federally recognized Oregon Indian tribes to identify opportunities for cross-jurisdictional coordination and enforcement of laws related to shellfish.