

SB 753 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: 2/12, 2/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes executive director of Oregon Ocean Science Trust (Trust) to enter into agreement with a private, nonprofit organization under which the organization solicits gifts, grants, and donations in support of the Trust's work. At least 30 days before entering into agreement, requires executive director of Trust to submit a copy of proposed agreement to Legislative Assembly and provide public notice of proposed agreement on Trust website. Allows executive director of Trust to advise and receive advice from organization and serve as a voting or nonvoting member of the board of directors of organization. Prohibits executive director of Trust from serving as chairperson of the board of directors, voting for or appointing other members of the board, exercising any control of organization's financial affairs, and overseeing daily operations of organization. Adds other moneys from any source as eligible for deposit into the Oregon Ocean Science Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

Subsequent referral to Joint Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Role of Oregon Ocean Science Trust
- Opportunity to secure funding through partnership with private, non-profit organization
- Examples of ocean research needs

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon legislature established the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (Trust) in 2013 to promote peer-reviewed ocean and coastal resource research and monitoring (Chapter 776, Oregon Laws 2013). 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. The Trust is funded by the Oregon Ocean Science Fund which consists of donations, legislatively appropriated moneys, interest, and moneys received from federal government under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA).

Senate Bill 753 would permit the executive director of the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (Trust) to enter into an agreement with a private, nonprofit organization under which the organization solicits gifts, grants, and donations to support Trust activities.