

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3327**

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Legislative Fiscal Office

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**Measure Description:**

Creates Oregon Independent Science Review Board.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Public Universities

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2019-21 Biennium</b>	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$327,109	\$373,839
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$327,109</b>	<b>\$373,839</b>
Positions		
FTE		

**Analysis:** This bill establishes the seven-member Oregon Independent Science Review Board. The bill also establishes the Independent Scientific Review Secretariat as an administrative section in the Institute for Natural Resources at Oregon State University (OSU). The Board will direct the Independent Scientific Review Secretariat to convene independent scientific review panels to respond to requests from state agencies, local governments, and private parties for review of complex natural resource issues. The bill also establishes the Independent Scientific Review Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund, and continuously appropriates funds to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to OSU. The bill does not identify a source of funding.

OSU anticipates personal services costs of \$308,734 for the Institute of Natural Resources Secretariat Director (0.26 FTE) and a Research Associate (0.88 FTE) and associated services and supplies costs of \$18,375 in the 2019-21 biennium.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State’s General Fund.