

SB 753 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Carrier:** Rep. McKeown**House Committee On Natural Resources****Action Date:** 04/23/19**Action:** Do Pass.**Vote:** 7-0-0-0**Yeas:** 7 - Barreto, Gorsek, McKeown, Reardon, Smith DB, Sprenger, Witt**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Kailey Kornhauser, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 4/16, 4/23**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes executive director of Oregon Ocean Science Trust (Trust) to enter into agreement with private, nonprofit organization under which organization shall solicit gifts, grants, and donations in support of the Trust's work. At least 30 days prior to entering into an agreement, requires executive director of Trust to submit a copy of the proposed agreement to Legislative Assembly and provide public notice on Trust website. Authorizes executive director to advise and receive advice from private, nonprofit organization and serve as voting or nonvoting member of board of directors of nonprofit organization. Prohibits executive director of Trust from serving as chairperson, voting for or appointing members of the board, exercising control of financial affairs, and overseeing daily operations of the organization. Requires nonprofit organizations maintain records regarding gifts, grants, and donations. Establishes that funds received by nonprofit organization are transferred to Trust and deposited in Oregon Ocean Science Fund. Establishes that this Act does not affect the authority of any state agency to enter into agreements with private organizations. Adds other moneys from any source as eligible for deposit into the Oregon Ocean Science Fund. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Impact of ocean acidification on shellfish and krill
- Examples of ocean research needs
- Role of the Oregon Ocean Science Trust
- Funding opportunity through partnership with private, nonprofit organization

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 nonvoting 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.