

SB 126 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Smith DB

House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Action Date: 05/11/21

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 9-0-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Breese-Iverson, Cate, Hudson, Marsh, McLain, Post, Reardon, Smith DB, Williams

Exc: 1 - Witt

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Identifies the estuarine research reserve management area (management area) to include land acquired as the South Slough Estuary Sanctuary and other lands owned or managed by the Department of State Lands (DSL) that it determines contribute to the management policy for the management area. Modifies language authorizing DSL to acquire lands for management area. Changes the name of Federal Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources to Federal Office for Coastal Management.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of South Slough including public recreation opportunities and commercial uses
- Opportunities for collaborative projects to enhance federal funding contribution
- Support from tribal members

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Department of State Lands (DSL), the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve is a 5,900-acre natural area located in the Coos estuary on the south coast of Oregon. The Reserve was designated in 1974 as the first unit of the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, a network of estuary habitats protected and managed for the purposes of long-term research, education, and coastal stewardship. The South Slough Reserve is one of 29 areas in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

Senate Bill 126 would identify the estuarine research reserve management area to include land acquired as the South Slough Estuary Sanctuary and other lands owned or managed by DSL that it determines contribute to the management policy for the area.