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Bill Title: Relating to marine reserves; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of State Lands

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2023-25 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife	\$ 894,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 894,324	3	1.88
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 894,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 894,324	3	1.88

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Measure Description

This measure requires the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Department of State Lands (DSL) to implement the Ocean Policy Advisory Council recommendations to develop an adaptive management and social monitoring program to support marine reserves. The plan must include specific and time-oriented objectives for ecological, socioeconomic, and social impact monitoring and research. Additionally, these agencies are required to adopt efficient long-term ecological sampling protocols. Agency assessments should focus on the capacity of marine reserves to enhance ecological resilience to environmental disturbances, including data collection and evaluation over extended periods and the operation of reserves as a network. The agencies are to develop goals for outreach and engagement, including engagement with federally recognized Indian tribes, along with assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of achieving these goals.

ODFW is to develop and amend a work plan and adaptive management plan. These plans should include provisions for ongoing engagement with communities, including commercial and recreational fishing fleets, to ensure that marine reserve science is beneficial to communities. Additionally, the department must integrate community and fishermen knowledge into ongoing research and monitoring efforts.

Fiscal Analysis

The fiscal impact is estimated to be \$894,324 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium, and \$1,145,923 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

ODFW can absorb the workload associated with amending Oregon Administrative Rules and contracting for elements of the workplan. Three permanent full-time positions (each 0.63 FTE in the 2023-25 biennium, and 1.00 FTE in the 2025-27 biennium) would develop and implement the marine reserves adaptive management

plan and conduct social monitoring, including:

- One Natural Resource Specialist 3 position to develop and implement long-term ecological sampling protocols,
- One full-time Economist 2 position for socio-economic research and monitoring, and
- One Public Affairs Specialist 2 position for ongoing social outreach and engagement.

In addition to position authority and position-related services and supplies, ongoing General Fund costs for ODFW include:

- \$100,000 for a Sea Grant-based fellow position to support new research, and
- \$315,000 for contracts to conduct facilitation services, social research, and marine policy research.

Other entities

There is a minimal fiscal impact anticipated for DSL and DLCD.

Relevant Dates

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.