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To: Senate Interim Committee on Energy and Environment
From: Beth Reiley, LPRO Analyst
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LC 219, dated 1/9/2026 - The measure establishes the Blue Economy Task Force to study and report on Oregon's blue economy sectors, existing economic development plans and strategies, and opportunities to support the growth of sustainable blue economy businesses while maintaining the health of Oregon's coastal ecosystems. The measure also authorizes the Oregon Ocean Science Trust to create and maintain a nonprofit organization.

LC 226, dated 1/9/2026 - The measure directs the Oregon Department of Energy to seek grant funding to convene a founding board and, upon securing sufficient funds, directs the board to establish a nonprofit entity to finance clean energy and resilience projects.