

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 32: Department of State Lands Oregon Ocean Science Trust

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Natural Resources Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Frederick

The Natural Resources Subcommittee heard a request from the Department of State Lands on the Oregon Ocean Science Trust.

The Department of State Lands is the administrative agency for the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, which is governed by a five-member board appointed by the State Land Board. The trust supports coastal knowledge, research, and monitoring, which is accomplished through supporting peer-reviewed research, innovation, collaboration, capacity, and a grant program. The requested \$300,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation will support a professional services contract for a director of strategic initiatives and programs position, outreach efforts by the board, and funding for science and monitoring projects as they arise. The fund balance is sufficient to support the request with revenue generated from non-federal grants and partnerships.

The Natural Resources Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend including an increase of \$300,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of State Lands in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2026 legislative session for the Oregon Ocean Science Trust.