

HB 4097 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes the Oregon Ocean Science Trust to create and maintain a non-profit organization under section 501(c) 3 for the purpose of advancing the trust's mission.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, House Bill 3106 created the Oregon Task Force on Nearshore Research (Task Force) to recommend long-term funding and coordination strategies for implementing the nearshore priorities of the state including research and monitoring; management and policy formation; and education and outreach. The Task Force recommended creating a trust to provide a funding mechanism to support the implementation of the Nearshore Strategic Plan and identified research and monitoring needs. As a result, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust was created by the Legislature in 2013 through the passage of Senate Bill 737 to promote ocean and coastal resource research and monitoring.