

**HB 4097 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Anderson

**Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire**

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**Action Date:** 02/19/26

**Action:** Do pass.

**Vote:** 4-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 4 - Girod, Golden, Nash, Taylor

**Exc:** 1 - Prozanski

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/17, 2/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure authorizes the Oregon Ocean Science Trust to create and maintain a nonprofit organization for the purpose of advancing the trust’s mission.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Ocean Science Trust was created by the legislature through the passage of Senate Bill 737 in 2013. Its mission is to secure and distribute funding to promote ocean and coastal knowledge, research, and monitoring, ensuring the sustainable use of Oregon’s resources, enhancing coastal resilience, and supporting long-term ocean health for all Oregonians.