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SB 445 OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL

For more information about the Oregon Invasive Species Council, contact Coordinator@oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org

SB 445 revises membership, leadership and reporting requirements of the Oregon Invasive Species Council and provides funding necessary to accomplish baseline state-mandated responsibilities. If passed, these revisions will allow the OISC to successfully fulfill its statutory role by enhancing communication, representation, and capacity.

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Current

STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain early detection invasive species reporting system
- Produce outreach materials concerning invasive species
- Conduct coordination meetings and educational conferences
- Develop and facilitate implementation of statewide strategic plan addressing invasive species

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- Grant program to support education and outreach projects (unfunded)
- Grant funding to eradicate or control new infestations of invasive species (one-time funding has been nearly depleted)
- State supported funding of OISC activities limited to \$50,000 LF

MEMBERSHIP

LEADERSHIP

- 7 permanent voting members
- 10 appointed at-large voting members

Revised

STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Maintain existing statutory responsibilities
- Increased communication, representation and capacity will enhance OISC ability conduct a coordinated effort
- Requires OISC to prepare and submit a biennial report to Legislature

GRANTS AND FUNDING

- Establish \$100,000 GF funding to support education and outreach grant program
- Re-invest \$200,000 GF support for rapid response capacity to invasive species emergencies
- Increase base funding support for OISC activities to \$150,000 for 2019-2021 biennium

MEMBERSHIP

- 8 permanent ex-officio voting members (adds State Parks representative)
- 10 appointed voting members representing diverse interests and populations throughout Oregon
- Revise ex-officio non-voting membership to include representatives from Legislature, Governor's office, and federal agencies

LEADERSHIP

Rotating Chair from 7 permanent voting members

• Elect Chair from any of the voting members

Oregon Invasive Species Council Overview

The Oregon Invasive Species Council (OISC) was created in 2001 to conduct a coordinated and comprehensive effort to prevent the entry of invasive species into Oregon and to eliminate, reduce and mitigate the effects of invasive species already present in this state.

BUDGET HISTORY (2007-2018)

- 2007 Funding established to support OISC activities and coordination efforts (operations)
- 2009 One-time allocation of \$350,000 to the Emergency Control Account
- 2015 One-time \$100,000 allocation for operations from General Funds

2017-2019 Reduced state funding and lack of federal funds resulted in lowest biennium budget for OISC activities of past 12 years



Proposed OISC Activities 2019-2021

- Restructure the OISC to enhance representation and stakeholder engagement
- Maintain and increase capacity of OISC to address ongoing and new invasive species threats
- Continue to develop strategic partnerships to leverage resources and enhance efficiencies to prevent, detect and manage invasive species
- Build statewide awareness of invasive species impacts and continue to improve prevention and early detection capacity
- · Respond to local priorities to support implementation of innovative solutions
- Assess and facilitate progress of Statewide Strategic Plan and develop 2020-2022 Action Plan