

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 260 - A

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Measure Description:

Requires State Department of Fish and Wildlife to establish program for strategic investments in initiatives related to ocean acidification and hypoxia.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), Department of State Lands (DSL)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural resources to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure appropriates a total of \$1.9 million General Fund (GF), in the 2019-21 biennium, to three agencies. \$1.06 million (GF) is appropriated to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust, within the Department of State Lands, to be distributed in the following amounts: \$100,000 for intertidal ocean acidification and hypoxia monitoring at Oregon marine reserves, \$300,000 for subtidal ocean acidification and hypoxia monitoring at Oregon marine reserves, \$100,000 for ocean acidification and hypoxia monitoring at Yaquina Bay, \$140,000 for ecosystem modeling of submerged aquatic vegetation, \$25,000 to develop recommendations, through workshops or seminars, \$150,000 to develop best management practices, \$180,000 to fund a study on the life cycle impacts of ocean acidification and hypoxia on shellfish, \$65,000 to develop a communications plan and strategy for outreach and education on ocean acidification and hypoxia. Furthermore, a total of \$470,000 GF is appropriated the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) for the 2019-21 biennium; \$420,000 for a shellfish and estuarine assessment of coastal Oregon and \$50,000 to conduct estuary mapping. Finally, \$370,000 GF is appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), in the 2019-21 biennium, to be distributed to Oregon State University for the following purposes; \$170,000 for the Molluscan Broodstock Program, \$100,000 for the Cooperative Institute for Marine Resources Studies, and \$100,000, to support the work of the College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences in monitoring for ocean acidification using Burke-O-Lator systems.

Further Analysis Required

The measure is anticipated to have an impact on the Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the Department of State Lands, and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.