

Requested by Representative GOMBERG

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2603**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “creating new provisions;
2 amending ORS 274.992 and 274.994;”.

3 Delete lines 5 through 29 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Ocean Policy Advisory Council, in consulta-**
5 **tion with the Department of Land Conservation and Development, the**
6 **Department of State Lands and relevant local governments and tribal**
7 **governments, shall review and propose amendments to the part of the**
8 **Territorial Sea Plan that addresses the placement of cables, pipelines**
9 **and other utilities in the territorial sea. The review must consider fee**
10 **structures and state and federal review processes, including permitting**
11 **processes, for the placement of undersea cables on state-owned sub-**
12 **merged or submersible land within the territorial sea and under the**
13 **ocean shore and the siting of associated landing sites.**

14 **“(2) In developing recommendations for amendments to the Terri-**
15 **torial Sea Plan under this section, the council shall evaluate:**

16 **“(a) A unified permitting process for the placement of undersea**
17 **cables that allows for coordination between appropriate state agencies,**
18 **tribal governments and local governments.**

19 **“(b) Suitable landing sites, including a mapping analysis of oppor-**
20 **tunities, limitations and requirements for landing sites.**

21 **“(c) The impact of other state agencies, laws, zoning requirements**

1 or statewide planning goals on potential undersea cable sites.

2 “(d) Changes to fees structures and financing associated with ad-
3 ministrative costs and the protection and management of the territo-
4 rial sea and ocean shore.

5 “(e) Requirements for public information meetings or other meth-
6 ods for engaging communities, tribal governments, ocean users and
7 industries affected by a proposed undersea cable.

8 “(f) An application process that may include:

9 “(A) A needs analysis that takes into account the socioeconomic
10 and environmental needs of the area;

11 “(B) A geological study conducted by a registered professional
12 geologist experienced in coastal processes;

13 “(C) Consultation with Oregon sea floor experts, such as an expert
14 affiliated with an Oregon university;

15 “(D) A detailed drilling, mitigation and accident response plan; and

16 “(E) A study of the impact of drilling on biological resources, in-
17 cluding migratory species, and on resources that are of economic,
18 aesthetic, recreational, social or historic importance to the people of
19 this state.

20 “(g) Requirements for interagency preapplication process meetings.

21 “(h) Standards for undersea cables in the states of California and
22 Washington.

23 “(i) Coordination or consultation with tribal governments on po-
24 tential impacts of undersea cables on cultural and traditional re-
25 sources.

26 “(3) The council may consult with any of the following state agen-
27 cies when conducting the review and developing recommendations for
28 amendments under this section:

29 “(a) The State Parks and Recreation Department;

30 “(b) The Department of Environmental Quality;

1 “(c) The State Department of Fish and Wildlife;

2 “(d) The State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries; or

3 “(e) Any other state agency with relevant expertise.

4 “SECTION 2. The Ocean Policy Advisory Council shall develop rec-
5 ommendations for amendments to the Territorial Sea Plan under sec-
6 tion 1 of this 2021 Act no later than two years after the effective date
7 of this 2021 Act.

8 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act are repealed on Jan-
9 uary 2, 2024.

10 “SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
11 date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative
12 Assembly adjourns sine die.”.

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