

## HB 4132 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates \$800,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to, jointly with the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, the State Land Board, and relevant state agencies, develop an adaptive management plan for Oregon's marine reserves and a collaborative process that incorporates social monitoring data into policy decisions.

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

#### Detailed Summary

Directs the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission), the State Land Board (Land Board), and relevant state agencies to implement recommendations from the Ocean Policy Advisory Council to develop an adaptive management plan for Oregon's marine reserves. Specifies the content of the adaptive management plan including monitoring and research, social impacts, long-term sampling protocols, data collection and evaluation, and outreach and engagement. Directs ODFW, the Commission, the Land Board, and relevant state agencies to develop a collaborative process that incorporates social monitoring data into policy decisions. Eliminates work plan requirement to provide territorial sea baseline data and eliminates provisions restricting Commission fishing decisions associated with that data. Adds requirement for continued community engagement to ensure marine reserve science is useful to communities and that community and fishermen knowledge is incorporated into ongoing research and monitoring efforts. Removes requirement for work plan data and recommendations to be used by ODFW to inform recommendations on potential marine reserve sites. Appropriates \$800,000 from the General Fund to ODFW for implementation. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment removes the appropriation.

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#### BACKGROUND:

A "marine reserve" defines an area within coastal waters dedicated to scientific research and conservation, where ocean development and removal of marine life is prohibited. A "marine protected area" refers to coastal waters directly next to a marine reserve. They have site-specific rules that allow some fishing activities while prohibiting development. Oregon currently has five marine reserves that have been officially designated for ocean areas along the coast. These marine reserves are managed by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife who handles planning and oversight of scientific research as well as monitoring within the reserves.