



SB 793-1 UNDERSEA CABLE EASEMENTS

Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire
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Oregon's Territorial Sea

**Pacific Ocean from
shoreline to three miles
offshore**

**Publicly owned for use
and enjoyment of all**

**State Land Board
approves easements for
long-term use**





Undersea Cables

2021 – HB 2603

- Decommissioning requirements
- Directed update of cable placement requirements

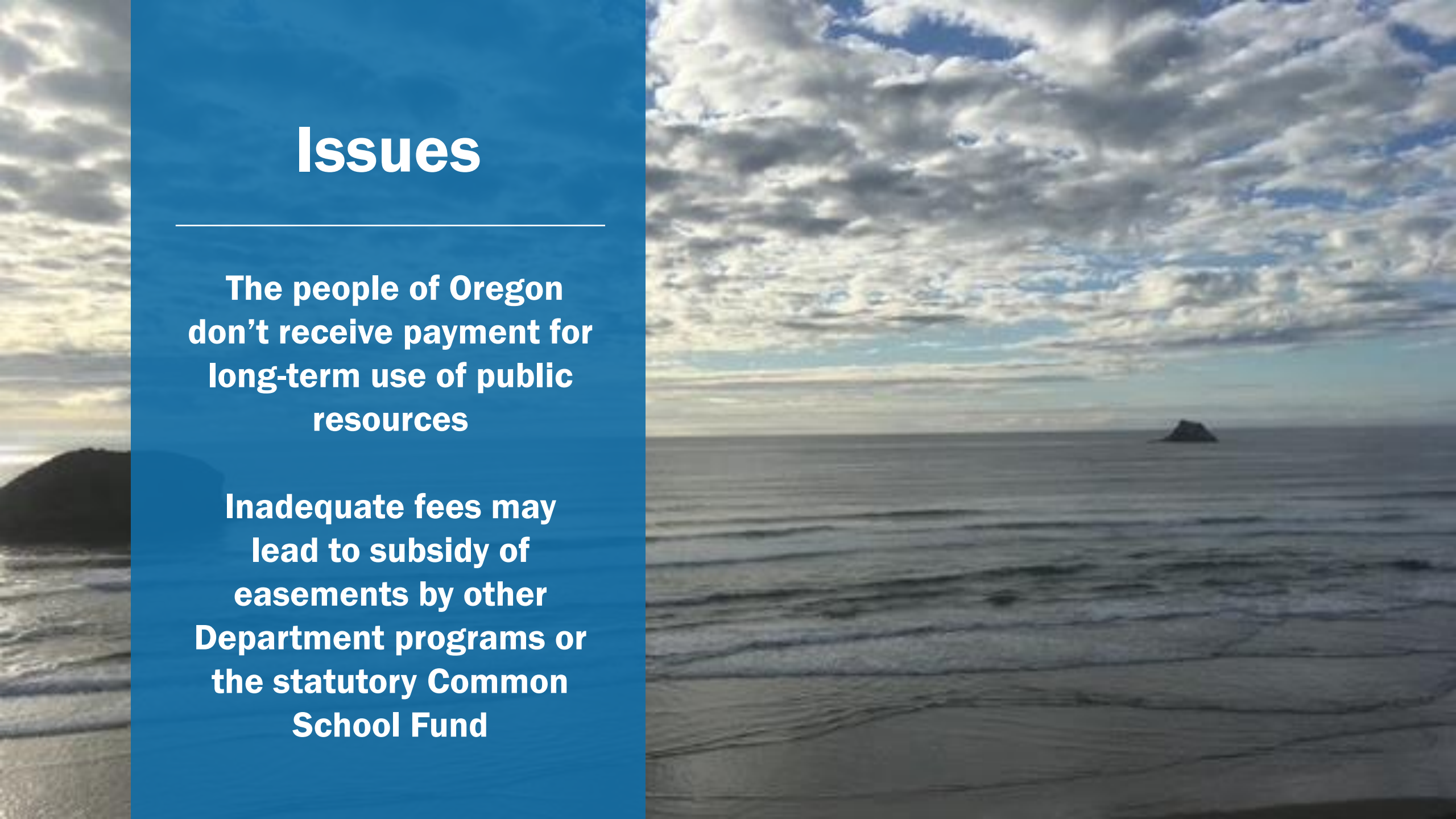
Fees and Compensation

- \$5,000 one-time application fee
- Statute prohibits easement payments
- Parties may negotiate to remove “future imposition of fees” clause

Issues

The people of Oregon don't receive payment for long-term use of public resources

Inadequate fees may lead to subsidy of easements by other Department programs or the statutory Common School Fund



Senate Bill 793-1

Sets Appropriate Payment Rates, Application Fees via Rulemaking

Provides the Department with the authority to set appropriate application and renewal fees and payment rates for easements in the territorial sea through a robust rulemaking process



THANK YOU

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