## HB 3219 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

# **House Committee On Higher Education and Workforce Development**

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## WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates an unspecified amount of money from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission for distribution to the Oregon Hazards Lab at the University of Oregon.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

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

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

## **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The <u>Oregon Hazards Lab</u> is a research lab in the University of Oregon's Department of Earth Sciences. The lab's projects include seismic monitoring, wildfire detection, smart sensors, and communications infrastructure. Its stated mission is to develop early warning systems for natural disasters such as earthquakes and wildfires, as well as to collect environmental data for scientific research.