

HB 3314 -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

Meeting Dates: 3/5

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates a total of \$2.017 million from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to be distributed to Oregon State University in order to work towards mitigating harmful algal blooms in the Ross Island lagoon in Partnership with the Human Access Project

Detailed Summary

Appropriates \$2.017 million General Fund moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to be distributed to Oregon State University to, in partnership with the Human Access Project, carry out efforts to work towards mitigating Harmful Algal Blooms in the Ross Island lagoon. Specifies funds to be split into the following purposes:

- \$315,000 for fish survey expenses
- \$485,000 for United States Geological Survey monitoring expenses
- \$950,000 for engineering and permitting expenses
- \$40,000 for Oregon State University project management expenses
- \$30,000 for Human Access Project project management expenses
- \$197,000 for contingency expenses.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

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:

-1 The amendment removes all appropriations and instead appropriates a total of \$1.02 million from the General Fund to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to be distributed to the Human Access Project in order to work towards mitigating harmful algal blooms in the Ross Island lagoon in Partnership with Oregon State University.

Detailed Summary

Removes all appropriations and instead appropriates \$1.02 million General Fund moneys to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to be distributed to Human Access Project to, in partnership with Oregon State University (OSU), carry out efforts to work towards mitigating Harmful Algal Blooms in the Ross Island lagoon. Specifies funds to be split into the following purposes:

- \$950,000 for engineering and permitting expenses
- \$40,000 for OSU project management expenses
- \$30,000 for Human Access Project project management expenses

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

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

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's territorial sea extends three miles from the coastline, falling under state jurisdiction. Rocky habitats account for approximately 41% of Oregon's 362-mile coastline and 6% of the state's subtidal area. These areas include headlands, tidepools, rocky beaches and cliffs, as well as offshore rocks, islands, and reefs. Oregon's territorial sea, and as such its rocky habitats, along with its natural resources, is managed by both state and federal agencies in trust for the public's benefit. The Oregon Territorial Sea Plan, established in 1994, outlines a set of goals and policies that serve as a guiding framework for agencies to follow in the management of resources within this area.