

HB 3786 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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Meeting Dates: 3/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure appropriates a total of \$3 million from the General Fund to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust for deposit in the Oregon Ocean Science Fund to provide competitive grants. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Detailed Summary

Appropriates a **total of \$3 million** General Fund moneys to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust for deposit in the Oregon Ocean Science Fund. Directs funds to be used to provide competitive grants for the following purposes:

- \$1 million for **research on ocean acidification and hypoxia** to address risks and vulnerabilities that threaten Oregon's economy and ecosystems.
- \$1 million for **research on sandy beaches and dune ecosystems** to inform management strategies addressing coastal erosion.
- \$1 million for **nearshore data collection** to understand the changing conditions of Oregon's oceans and their impacts on species and ecosystems.

Declares an emergency, effective on July 1, 2025.

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:

In 2009, [House Bill 3106](#) created the Oregon Task Force on Nearshore Research (Task Force) to recommend long-term funding and coordination strategies for implementing the nearshore priorities of the state including research and monitoring; management and policy formation; and education and outreach. The Task Force recommended creating a trust to provide a funding mechanism to support the implementation of the Nearshore Strategic Plan and identified research and monitoring needs. As a result, the Oregon Ocean Science Trust was created by the Legislature in 2013 through the passage of [Senate Bill 737](#) to promote ocean and coastal resource research and monitoring.