

HB 4097 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Gomberg

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

Action Date: 02/04/26

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Boice, Cate, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, McDonald, McLain, Munoz, Owens, Scharf

Exc: 1 - Hartman

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes the Oregon Ocean Science Trust to create and maintain a nonprofit organization for the purpose of advancing the trust's mission.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2009, House Bill 3106 created the Oregon Task Force on Nearshore Research to recommend long-term funding and coordination strategies for implementing priorities related to Oregon's nearshore resources, meaning the oceanic natural resources within the state's three-mile territorial sea. 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 legislature passed Senate Bill 737 in 2013, creating the Oregon Ocean Science Trust to promote ocean and coastal resource research and monitoring.