

**HB 4097 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Gomberg

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

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**Action Date:** 02/04/26

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 10-0-1-0

**Yea:** 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

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**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.