

HB 3587 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

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

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development to, in coordination with specified entities, develop, amend, and implement site management plans for rocky habitat management sites as designated in the Territorial Sea Plans, develop, and maintain a website containing information on Oregon's ocean resources, and coordinate processes for new rocky habitat management sites to be included in the Territorial Sea Plan. The measure further appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (Trust) and directs the Trust, subject to available funding, to establish and execute a competitive grant program to implement nonregulatory management programs for rocky habitat management sites as designated in the Territorial Sea Plan.

Detailed Summary

Directs the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to:

- In coordination with community-based partners develop site management plans for rocky habitat management sites as designated in the Territorial Sea Plans, and, in coordination with other relevant state agencies, help community-based partners to implement those plans.
- Maintain, update, and operate a website containing information regarding Oregon's ocean resources, including a mapping tool for rocky habitats.
- In consultation with relevant state agencies, stewardship groups, and other stakeholders as necessary, implement rocky habitat management as outlined in the Territorial Sea Plan and develop amendments as needed.
- Coordinate public processes for new rocky habitat management sites to be included in the Territorial Sea Plan.

Requires the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (Trust), subject to available funding, to establish and execute a competitive grant program to implement nonregulatory management programs for rocky habitat management sites as designated in the Territorial Sea Plan. Appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Trust for implementation during the biennium starting July 1, 2025.

Declares an emergency and takes effect 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:

-3 The amendment modifies certain requirements for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and makes a technical fix by directing the General Fund appropriation to the Oregon Department of State Lands for deposit in the Oregon Ocean Science Trust.

Detailed Summary

Removes the requirement for the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). Instead, directs the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to:

- Upon recommendation of the Ocean Policy Advisory Council, coordinate the development of site management plans for rocky habitat management sites as designated in the Territorial Sea Plan.
- In coordination with other relevant state agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes, assist community-based partners in the plan implementation.
- Maintain and update information regarding Oregon's ocean resources, including a mapping tool for rocky habitats on DLCD's website.
- Consult with state agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, stewardship groups and other stakeholders to implement the rocky habitat management portion of the Territorial Sea Plan, and develop amendments as needed.
- Coordinate public processes for new rocky habitat management sites to be included in the Territorial Sea Plan.
- In coordination with community-based partners and federally recognized Indian tribes, develop site management plans for the rocky habitat management sites designated in the amendment to the Territorial Sea Plan adopted by the Land Conservation and Development Commission on April 20, 2023.

Makes a technical fix by directing the appropriation to the Oregon Department of State Lands for deposit in the Oregon Ocean Science Trust instead of directly.

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

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

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 (TSP), 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.