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2013 Oregon Legislature - Ocean Related Legislation

HB 2694 – Territorial Sea Data Sharing – requires MRE developers to share geologic, geophysical and seafloor data with the OSU Seafloor Map Lab.

HB 3451 – Establishes Oceangoing Research Vessel Program at OSU, establishes a Research Vessel Council with appointed members and state agency representation. Appropriates $300,000 to implement the program.

SB 580 – Ocean Resources Advisory Committee duties and membership – Prescribes duties for specified scientific and technical advisory committee and gives committee authority to select members.

SB 605 – Territorial Sea Plan process regarding OPAC - clarifies that LCDC must make findings on OPAC's amendments and, if LCDC cannot make the required findings, OPAC must include LCDC's revisions in subsequent amendment recommendations. OPAC's recommendations for amendments must be made within 155 days after the date that LCDC returns the plan or amendments to OPAC for revision. LCDC and OPAC may mutually agree to extend the time that OPAC is allowed to submit subsequent recommendations to LCDC. If OPAC does not make the subsequent recommendations for amendments within the time period provided for, LCDC may adopt the Territorial Sea Plan amendments recommended by OPAC, including any needed revisions specified by LCDC.

SB 606 – Bonding for wave/wind energy devices in territorial sea - Requires owners or operators of wave energy facilities and devices to demonstrate evidence of financial assurance for costs of closure and post-closure maintenance of facilities or devices. Requires cost estimates to be prepared by qualified person. Requires owners or operators of wave energy facilities and devices to provide decommissioning plan for facility or device prior to authorization of facility or device. Sets requirements for decommissioning plan. Requires owners or operators of wave energy facilities and devices to initiate removal of facility or device within 12 months after permanent cessation of use of facility or device and to complete removal within two year after permanent cessation of use, subject to certain exceptions. Allows the Director of DSL to extend deadlines for removing facility or device after permanent cessation of use in certain circumstances. Imposes civil penalties for violation of statutory law or any rule, order or lease adopted or issued under statutory law. Directs State Department of Energy to study issues related to transmission of electricity from wave energy facilities and devices.

SB 737 – Ocean Science Trust (5 members) and duties, to be appointed by the State Land Board. Establishes Federal Ocean Resources Fund, continuously appropriates moneys in fund to State Treasurer, and specifies use of the moneys. Requires that certain moneys received from federal government be deposited in Federal Ocean Resources Fund. Requires that the state's distributive share of moneys collected under Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act be deposited in the fund and requires that 30 percent of distributive share to be paid to coastal counties adjacent to lands containing tracts for which distributive share is received. Permits not more than five percent of total moneys in fund to be used to reimburse agencies for assistance to trust.