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Chair Dembrow, members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I am writing you in reference to Oregon's Ocean Beach Fund (HB 2506/SB 745). I urge you to support and pass this bill to keep our Oregon beaches safe and clean. I volunteer 10 or more hours a month keeping our Newport beaches clean and see the struggles first hand our Oregon Parks rangers and officials go through to keep up with the ever increasing demands that more and more visitors of our state parks put on our state parks system. It is only fair and an appropriate use of those funds that they go to help offset the impact these visitors place on the state parks.

I grew up in California and it used to look like Oregon 20 years ago. Now California state parks are run down and are in decay due to lack of funding. I fear Oregon will become that in 20 years if the state parks don't get more funding. This is a rare opportunity where the source that generates the funds will benefit from them. These funds represent less than 1% of Travel Oregon's budget who opposes this bill. It is unfair that Travel Oregon encourages more and more visitors but don't allow the state parks to benefit from those increased visitations. The Beach Bill will help change that and I strongly urge you to support it.

Regards,

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