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

As an Oregonian that is born and raised in
the PNW, I urge you to support Oregon's
Ocean Beach Fund (HB 2506/SB 745) this
legislative session in the 50th Anniversary
of our historical Beach Bill.

"Oregon's 362 miles of public ocean
beaches are the signature feature of our
coast and a principal economic driver for
rural coastal communities and the state of
Oregon, representing an estimated \$2.4
Billion dollars annually in our economy.
But today, beaches face increasingly
significant problems of visitor safety,

vandalism, increased marine debris, beachfront armoring and sand removal, and a rising and expanding range of recreational uses. These issues are driven by growing tourism in all seasons, unabated demand for oceanfront development, and increasingly severe storm and erosion events due to climate-driven changes in the ocean, all of which are likely to persist. In our 50th Anniversary legislative session of Oregon's famed Beach Bill, renewed investment is essential to meet future management challenges and ensure that the legacy of our public beaches will endure for generations to come."

Thank you for your consideration,

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