

My wife and I live in OR Congressional District No. 5 on the west coast and have lived here for 8 years. I feel that coastal residents in coastal towns and cities share a common set of interests that are much different from areas further inland - and the difference gets greater the further east you go.

So, to me, it would make sense for the west coast of Oregon to be made up of two or three contiguous "coastal" districts each of which run from the west coast to an eastern boundary that makes sense from a population density perspective. The idea would be to maintain the eastern boundary of these districts as close to the coast as possible, but certainly no further east than, say, US Interstate Highway 5.

This may be a tough political sell, but I think, from a representational perspective, it would be of greater benefit to its residents than the current eastern boundary of OR district 5.

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