

To: Members of the House and Senate Redistricting Committee:

I live in the current House District 10. Proposals that have been advanced by the committees would stretch our district inland to Yamhill, Benton, Lane and Polk counties. I am writing to urge that the Oregon Coast be treated as a "community of interest" as new legislative districts are drawn. Coastal communities have much in common with lifestyles and population, which is composed of one-third over age 65. We are all connected by one Highway and all face the same potential environmental devastation. We need to remain as ONE District in order to work together for our common issues that are unique only to us on the coast.

The most efficient area for House District 10 would be to run from Tillamook City limits (currently in HD 10) to Florence; this would include all of Lincoln County and coastal portions of southern Tillamook and northern Lane Counties. It would make logic sense that HD 10 encompass a concise geographical area so that we can be effectively served by an elected House Representative. There is no need for the coastal area to be overlooked, by expanding the boundaries inland. We deal with the similar impacts of overwhelming tourism, infrastructure maintenance and rebuilding, and threats of a tsunami--our voices and needs could be better served as one concise House District as I have suggested above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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