



February 16, 2023

Oregon State Legislature
Senate Committee on Natural Resources
Salem, Oregon

Re: SB 530, Natural Climate Solutions

Via email

Dear Members of the Committee,

Oregon Coast Alliance is an Oregon nonprofit corporation whose mission is protection of coastal natural resources and working with residents to enhance community livability.

ORCA supports SB 530, the Natural Climate Solutions bill. This bill is particularly important for the coast, where ocean-related climate impacts already are hitting communities and the landscape via increased storm intensity, higher wave heights, coastal erosion, community flooding, and sea-level rise.

Providing incentives and technical support to forest owners, farmers and ranchers to encourage natural climate solutions will help the rural coastal economy greatly, contributing as well to workforce training and to allocating federal funds available for worthwhile projects in wetland habitat restoration, natural-based erosion control projects, a change in coastal farm and forest practices to more nature-based solutions, and similar opportunities.

We urge a Yes vote on SB 530.

Thank you,

/s/ Cameron La Follette

Cameron La Follette
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