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Members reviewing SB200,

My name is Ryan Mecham. I am a native Oregonian and work as a VP Wealth Advisor for Columbia Bank serving clients on the North Oregon Coast. As I work with clients up and down the coast, a consistent concern they mention is around what the State and Local Governments are doing to proactively prepare for an earthquake along the Cascadia Subduction Zone. Additionally, as a resident of Portland, the issue of bridge failures following a major earthquake and keeping the waterways clear and passable is a concern we share with our fellow citizens on the coast.

The refurbishing of the Salvage Chief represents an excellent and important proactive step in the preparations the State is already taking to be ready if and when the predicted earthquake strikes. I urge you to please consider SB200.

Thank you,

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