

Submitter: Katy Nalven

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural
Resources

Measure: SB5509

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment. I am testifying on behalf of the Cape Perpetua Collaborative. We are the community team who's mission is to support and raise awareness of Cape Perpetua Marine Reserve and the surround natural areas highlighting the land to sea connection. We have a robust local volunteer network and many supporters, locally and beyond. We are strongly in favor of reinstating the Marine Reserves Community Engagement Program Leader and consider investments in HB 2903. This position play a critical link between our community teams, members of the public, and the agency. The position is vital to the continued success of and public support of Oregon's marine reserves. We strongly urge you make the Marine Reserve Program whole once again by the reinstatement of the Community Engagement Program Leader.