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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural  
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3580

Please pass HB 3580 to protect important eelgrass habitats. Eelgrass meadows are nurseries for juvenile fish, support biodiversity including migratory birds, improve water quality, and sequestering carbon. Passing this bill would allow a Taskforce to establish conversation targets, asses monitoring programs, and evaluate policy barriers as to why the eelgrass is currently in decline.

This bill is important as it creates collaboration between agencies, Tribes, and local communities. I urge you to pass this important piece of legislation, thank you.