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Oregon's iconic rocky habitats—places like Haystack Rock and Coquille Point—are biologically, culturally, and economically important. They support a wealth of marine life including millions of nesting seabirds like Tufted Puffins and Common Murre. They also support marine mammals, kelp beds, fish, and invertebrate species. They attract millions of recreational visitors, helping support a 2+ billion dollar tourism industry. However, rocky habitats are increasingly vulnerable to disturbance and climate impacts. Passing this bill would provide needed agency coordination to manage these sites and a grants program to support community stewardship to ensure rocky habitat sites are protected.