

Submitter: William Crombie

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3580

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee,

Both my parents are biologists, and I grew up often going with them to visit the wild places along our shores. They put great effort into showing me the many critical parts of our ecosystem-- all the different plants, animals, and fungi that are absolutely necessary to its (and our) continued health. Eelgrass is one of the most important among these, as it provides critical habitat to many other species, as well as being an incredibly good natural source of carbon dioxide sequestration. I believe that protecting and preserving the vital natural areas along the Oregon Coast in the face of climate change and other human-related degradations is one of the foremost tasks facing us today, and the funding that this bill would provide is a critical step in ensuring that generations to come can continue to live in the paradise we call home.

Sincerely,
William Crombie,
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