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I am expressing support for HB 2969 because it will invest in food and non-food products from Oregon's seafood byproduct waste streams. This approach, modeled after the 100% Fish Project at the Iceland Ocean Cluster, will maximize the use of each fish harvested off Oregon's coast. In addition to reducing waste, this initiative would provide jobs, enhance economic opportunities for business growth/expansion, and produce more products from harvested fish. Currently about 50% of all fish harvested in North America ends up in the waste stream compared to 20% in Iceland. Oregon would be on the cutting edge with this type of investment to explore ways to make more use of the fish harvested off our coast.