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House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

RE: Support for HB 4086 – Oregon Seafood Full Utilization Program

Dear Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Diehl, Vice-Chair Isadore, and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate the opportunity to express our support for HB 4086- particularly Sections 5 & 6. Rondys, Inc. is a family-owned company originally established in Newport and rooted in Oregon's commercial fishing industry. We view the 100 Percent Fish initiative as a vital and timely strategy to support the fishing sector and the working waterfront communities that depend on it.

The Iceland Ocean Cluster has shown how full utilization of seafood byproducts- materials that were once discarded- can dramatically increase the value of a single fish and create entirely new industries. Funding from HB 4086 will help Oregon develop a framework to follow that same successful model by supporting research, equipment investment, processing infrastructure, and partnerships that bring these ideas to life in our coastal communities

We believe there is still significant potential to capitalize on what is already a premier product- Oregon's seafood. Rondys, Inc. recognizes this potential and has made capital investments through the Yaquina Industrial Park to support infrastructure critical to these emerging industries. HB 4086 provides an opportunity to enhance these efforts by supporting startups, processors, and entrepreneurs ready to create high-value, sustainable products from seafood waste.

The 2023 “Oregon Ocean Resources and the Blue Economy Market Analysis” identified marine-based innovation as a key driver of Oregon’s future economic resilience. HB 4086 answers that call with fund that will help advance the state’s Blue Economy objectives through industrial symbiosis- reducing waste, creating jobs, and attracting investment to coastal communities.

We ask you to vote YES on HB 4086. Oregon is ready to lead in seafood innovation and full resource utilization, and this bill provides the critical next step.

Sincerely,
Evan Hall
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