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House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support HB 4086 – Turning Waste into Opportunity

Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chairs Isadore and Skarlatos, and Members of the Committee,

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners strongly supports House Bill 4086 and urges its passage to help Oregon communities transform industrial byproducts into economic and environmental opportunities.

Clatsop County has been working closely with local seafood processors, breweries, and community partners to explore practical ways to reduce waste while supporting local business growth. In particular, we have been engaged in early planning discussions around projects that could turn fish-processing byproducts and brewery wastewater into useful materials. These conversations have demonstrated strong local interest and real potential for innovation that supports both economic development and environmental benefits, while also highlighting the technical and infrastructure challenges that can make it difficult to move from ideas to implementation.

HB 4086 would give communities like ours the tools and support we need to take the next step. By encouraging new and beneficial uses for fish byproducts and other organic industrial waste, offering technical assistance, and allowing flexibility for locally driven infrastructure solutions, the bill aligns closely with work Clatsop County is already undertaking. It would allow us to move from conversations about project feasibility and initial planning to implementation, helping our community advance a practical, workable project that ultimately reduces waste, creates jobs, and strengthens the regional economy.

For these reasons, we strongly urge your YES vote on HB 4086 to support practical innovation, local economic growth, and responsible waste reduction in communities across Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Kujala". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Kujala, Chair
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners