

February 6, 2026

Subject: Written Testimony in Support of SB 1525

To the Members of the Oregon Senate and House Committees on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade:

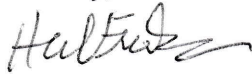
I am writing in support of SB 1525, the Blue Economy Task Force Bill. Our coastal communities rely on a diverse and vibrant blue economy, from seafood and aquaculture to tourism, recreation, and small businesses. This legislation will help ensure that these sectors continue to thrive.

SB 1525 would establish a task force to explore and inventory the elements of Oregon's Blue Economy, learn from successful models in other states and nations, and develop a roadmap to guide sustainable growth and state support. By bringing together perspectives from multiple industries, this task force can help create opportunities that benefit local communities, strengthen regional economies, and support innovation.

I encourage you to support SB 1525 and take this important step toward fostering a resilient, innovative, and inclusive blue economy for Oregon's coastal communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herb Fredricksen", with a stylized, flowing script.

Herb Fredricksen
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