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To the Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 1525, the Blue Economy Task Force bill. Oregon's coastal communities depend on a diverse blue economy that includes commercial fishing, seafood processing, aquaculture, research, tourism, and marine-related businesses. Supporting these sectors is essential to maintaining strong and resilient working waterfronts and coastal economies.

SB 1525 would establish a task force to better understand Oregon's existing blue economy, identify opportunities for growth, and learn from successful models in other states and countries. By creating a coordinated roadmap, the task force can help guide future investment, policy, and workforce development in ways that support innovation while respecting Oregon's coastal values.

This thoughtful approach will help ensure Oregon is positioned to capture more economic value from its marine resources, strengthen working waterfronts, spur innovation, and support long-term economic resilience in coastal communities.

I encourage you to support SB 1525 and take this important step toward advancing a strong, sustainable blue economy in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.

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