

February 15, 2012

The Honorable Jules Bailey & The Honorable Vic Gilliam
Chairs House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water
900 Court St. NE, H-274
Salem, OR 97301

Honorable Co-Chair Bailey and Honorable Co Chair Gilliam, and Honorable House Energy,
Environment and Natural Resources Committee Members,

My name is Eric Allen Youngson, and I am in support of SB1510.

SB 1510 honors the work of the Marine Reserve Community Teams. Designating marine reserve sites at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head and Cape Perpetua is appropriate after over 25,000 volunteer hours were spent evaluating the ecological, social and economic uses of some of Oregon's most ecologically important areas.

This issue is close to my heart because I am a regular visitor to the Oswald West, Ecola and Cannon Beach areas. These locations provide a deep experience and connection to my Oregon homeland. The experiences I have at these places and the times I share there with the people I care about keep me connected to the land I love and give me the replenishing energy I need to do good creative work and contribute to the economy.

I am an energy engineer working in the sustainable building industry. When I hear about bills like SB1510, I get excited. I want to know that the people of my state that represent me in the government are equally passionate and dedicated to preserving the state we have in all of its natural beauty and allowing its bounty to provide for future generation and provide the most important ecosystem service of all, deep human connection to the natural world.

This legislation provides for a short and long-term plan for effectively creating and adaptively managing marine protected areas and reserves by considering the needs of the local community **and** the whole state—the ocean users, the businesses and organizations that depend on a healthy ocean, and the plants and animals that live in and around our waters.

We all benefit from a productive and more sustainably managed ocean – now and in the future. Please join me in supporting SB 1510.

Sincerely,

Eric Allen Youngson

CC. your Senator

CC. your Representative