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The Honorable Jules Bailey
Chairs House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water
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Dear Chair Bailey and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Pearl Thomas, and I am in support of SB1510.

SB1510 honors the work of 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.

I feel that this issue is extremely important in these times, when so much of the ocean's resources are threatened due to practices of over fishing and pollution. The proposed areas will be a beginning, to establish sanctuary for species to regenerate undisturbed. If we don't take such action, we risk further loss of this beautiful natural resource.

Our family lives and farms in the Cascade foothills using organic methods so as not to contribute to toxic run-off in our streams and rivers. This is the work we choose to support a sustainable future for Oregon. The coast is precious to us as a family and we enjoy our time there in nature. Just as important is a sustainable ocean with proper management of resources that this bill seeks to establish. As a young person I feel it's very important to protect these places for future generations to come. We all share a responsibility to manage and protect our ocean.

It is my opinion that all of us benefit from the establishment of marine reserves, as well as future generations. Please join us in supporting SB 1510.

Sincerely,

Pearl Thomas