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Written Testimony in Support of SB 1510

To Members of the House Committee on Energy, Environment and Water:
Co-Chair Rep Jules Bailey, Co-Chair Rep Vic Gilliam, Co-Vice Chair Rep Wayne Krieger, Co-Vice Chair Rep Deborah Boone, Rep Alissa Keny-Guyer, Rep Brad Witt, Rep Jim Thompson

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I would like to thank all the members of the Coastal Caucus for sponsoring SB 1510. Thank you also to all legislators who sponsored and worked so hard on behalf of the preceding HB2009 during the 2011 legislative session.

This Bill is a very important piece of an ongoing broad effort that has been made over several years, including HB3013 and HB2009, to evaluate the ecological, social and economic impacts of designating marine reserves and protected areas in Oregon waters. The Bill includes a specific plan for creating and managing these areas, leading to scientific review for adaptive management in the year 2022.

Oregon is in a unique position to take action for the long-term stewardship of its marine environment and coastal communities. In doing so, our State will show leadership in the national process of coastal and marine spatial planning.

Thank you,

Karin Radtke
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cc: Chair of Coastal Caucus, Senator Betsy Johnson
cc: Senator Joanne Verger
cc: Representative Jean Cowan
cc: Representative Arnie Roblan