

## Support for the Oregon Coast Trail

## House Bill 3149

## Chemeketans

The Chemeketan's strongly urge your support for completing the Oregon Coast Trail. Most of the trail along 367 miles of the Oregon Coast already exists. The remaining gaps amount to just 57 miles. It would truly be a fitting tribute to mark this year's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Oregon's Beach Bill and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Oregon Recreation Trails System Act. HB 3149 is the first big step toward completing the trail through the development of an action plan.

The Oregon Coast Trail will attract avid hikers from not only Oregon and the Northwest, but also from around the world. Completion of the trail will allow hikers to walk from town to town, similar to world-recognized trails in Europe, New Zealand, and Japan. This major tourist attraction will realize significant economic gains for the Oregon Coastal communities and the state.

The Chemeketan's is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1928 united in a common interest in outdoor activities. The Chemeketan's has about 700 members based in Salem, Oregon. Our primary activity is day hiking but includes many other outdoor activities and special events as well. We schedule cross-country ski trips, snowshoe outings, bicycle trips, canoe trips, backpacks, mountain climbs, picture nights, and help build and maintain trails.

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