



March 24, 2021

House Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: HB 2378 – Seaweed as Livestock Feed to Reduce Methane Emissions

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association represents the nearly 200 multi-generational dairy farm families working every day to bring fluid milk to market that consumers enjoy in their morning coffee, or in processed forms such as cheese, yogurt and ice cream. Our dairy farms range in size and structure across the state.

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association supports HB 3278. Dairy farmers have always been supportive of research and early adopters as science informs us of improved best management practices. On a national level, the dairy industry has pledged to reach Net Zero by 2050. We want to be a part of the environmental solution. There was information released yesterday of success with feeding seaweed to livestock to reduce methane emissions in cattle. Feed supplements have been identified as a solution to reducing greenhouse gases.

We support HB 3278 and request your Yes vote.

Respectfully,

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