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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2557

Dear Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water,

I am a lifelong resident of Oregon, and am writing to express my strong support for
House Bill 2557, which aims to prohibit the raising of octopuses for human
consumption in Oregon.

Octopuses are highly intelligent and sentient creatures. Confining them in farming
environments can lead to significant welfare concerns, including stress and suffering.
Additionally, intensive octopus farming poses environmental risks, such as increased
waste and potential impacts on marine ecosystems.

By passing HB 2557, Oregon can take a stand for animal welfare and environmental
protection. I urge you to vote in favor of this important bill.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
Melanie Hlavacka