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Please support HB 2965-5. I'm well acquainted with the devastation to land and water from factory farms in the Umatilla region. Raising finned fish in nets has the same outcome, massive fecal water pollution. As a native Oregonian, it's important to me that we protect Oregon's coastal waters from the harms of industrial aquaculture. It has been scientifically proven that net pen aquaculture of finfish causes environmental and socioeconomic harms. An influx of such operations to Oregon as restricted on the rest of the West Coast, will harm us. We experienced the same thing with nonfiltered diesel engines banned in other states, ending up in Oregon to pollute our air. Net pen aquaculture of finfish has no place on the Oregon coast.