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I am writing in support of HB 2965-5. As an Oregonian who visits the coast regularly and is concerned about our coastal environment, it is important to me that we protect Oregon's coastal waters from the harms of industrial aquaculture. It has been made clear through scientific study that net pen aquaculture of finfish causes environmental and socioeconomic harms. I urge you to help Oregon to prevent an influx of such operations now in our coastal environment. Net pen aquaculture of finfish are already banned or seriously restricted on the rest of the West Coast, by California and Washington. Please pass this bill and prohibit net pen aquaculture in Oregon coastal waters.