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This bill has commonsense safeguards for economically profiting from an Oregon resource.

Recent incidents like the collapse of Lost Valley Farm mega-dairy show how profit-seeking interests can pollute our environment despite regulations.

It is obvious that we need adequate safeguards to prevent similar scenarios at sea.

Opposition to this commonsense bill lacks any specifics and only compares against wild-harvesting, without any mention of who bears the risks of pollution from unregulated aquaculture facilities.

It is also notable that these regulations are portrayed as a "ban", thus indulging in misinformation.

We live in dangerous times when the federal government is cutting down on environmental regulations. This is enabling unregulated profit-seeking interests to jeopardize natural resources belonging to the public. It is all the more important for Oregon to take care of its interests.

I register my support for this commonsense bill.