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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2965

I'm asking you to support HB 2965-5 because protecting Oregon's coastal waters is really important. Industrial fish farms use net pens that sit directly in the water, which means fish food, waste, pharmaceuticals, and other chemicals get dumped straight into the ocean. A single farm with hundreds of thousands of fish can produce around a million pounds of waste every year—that's a huge pollution problem.

On top of that, these farms can spread diseases to wild fish, harming native ecosystems and the communities that rely on them. HB 2965-5 helps prevent disease outbreaks, pollution, and the spread of invasive species, keeping our coastal waters clean and healthy for wildlife, tourism, and commercial fishing.

Thank you.