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Please support HB 2965-5. As an Oregonian, medical professional, and mother of young children, it's extremely important to me that we protect Oregon's coastal waters from the harms of industrial aquaculture and preserve this ecosystem's health for future generations. It has been scientifically proven that net pen aquaculture of finfish causes environmental and socioeconomic harms, and we want Oregon to prevent an influx of such operations now that they are banned or seriously restricted on the rest of the West Coast. If economic considerations are the primary concern, there are many other, more sustainable ocean based potential revenue sources compared to net pen aquaculture; e.g. kelp farming.