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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2965

HB 2965 is not based on science, and I strongly oppose this unnecessary legislation.  
Multiple

peer-reviewed studies, including a NOAA-led Pacific Northwest study, have demonstrated

that well-regulated aquaculture can be done safely with minimal environmental impact.

Other progressive seafood-producing nations, including Iceland and New Zealand, have

embraced aquaculture as a sustainable solution. Even Alaska's governor has recently voiced

support for aquaculture as a way to strengthen the seafood industry. Oregon should be

making decisions based on science, not misinformation or activist pressure. I urge you to

oppose HB 2965 and instead focus on responsible, science-driven policy.