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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2965

I urge you to not move HB 2965 out of committee. Banning finfish aquaculture in Oregon before it even exists is an extreme and unnecessary step that ignores science and shuts down potential economic opportunities for our state. Other regions have successfully developed well-regulated, sustainable aquaculture that supports food security, job creation, and wild fisheries. Oregon should not take an anti-business, anti-innovation stance that limits our ability to adapt and grow in the future. Please oppose this bill and allow for science-based discussions on aquaculture's role in Oregon's seafood economy.