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As a former aquatic biologist and participant in commercial fisheries for many years, I ask committee members to support this bill and vote it out of committee for general consideration by the House. Rocky habitats along the Oregon Coast support a wealth of marine life, including millions of nesting seabirds, marine mammals, kelp beds, fish and invertebrates. As such, and because of their often dynamic and dramatic appearance, they also attract millions of recreational visitors, contributing to local economies. This bill would help these habitats by creating a grants program to support community stewardship, drawing on a wealth of talented, energetic, and dedicated volunteers. It would also foster agency coordination to better manage these sites. Please support this excellent bill.