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On Behalf of: Oregon Ocean Science Trust

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3580 and HB3587

Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, and members of the committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Oregon Ocean Science Trust (<https://oregonoceanscience.com>), one of our nation's two ocean science trusts, in support of House Bills 3580 and 3587. Our Trust secures and distributes funding to promote ocean and coastal knowledge, research, and monitoring to ensure the sustainable use of Oregon's resources, enhance coastal resilience, and support long-term ocean health for all Oregonians. We operate efficiently, disbursing 90% of the funds we receive for research and monitoring, retaining only 10% for administrative costs.

As Chair of the Trust, I and our Board value the role rocky habitats and eelgrass meadows play in providing critical habitats for nearshore commercial and recreational fisheries.

- HB 3580 would establish conservation targets based on science and in collaboration with agencies, Tribes, scientists, local communities, and others.
- HB 3587 would provide funding and resources needed to enhance agency coordination to protect Oregon's rocky habitats based on our scientific understanding of their role in providing habitat for millions of nesting birds, marine mammals, fish and invertebrates.

Thank you for the opportunity for the Trust to express its support for these two important bills.

Sincerely,

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Laura Anderson, Chair
Oregon Ocean Science Trust