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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3587

I am writing to express my support for HB 3587, the Rocky Habitat Protection Bill. As an Oregonian born and raised, and a resident of northern Clatsop County near the coast, I have a strong connection to Oregon's coast and an interest in the protection thereof. I played in tidepools as a child and learned much about coastal habitats as an adult. I have spent many hours and many miles walking Oregon's beaches and in particular those from Arch Cape north to Indian Beach. In that time I have witnessed both the breathtaking beauty of nature and the rocky habitats and their diversity of life, as well as the thoughtless destruction of same. Nearly every time I visit one of these precious places I witness people venturing out onto areas where shorebirds are known to nest and lay their eggs, and people taking live creatures from their habitat, sometimes breaking them free with force and even encouraging their children to do so. All of these things speak to a need for protection of Oregon's rocky habitats, lest we love these places to death.

Please vote in FAVOR of HB 3587.