

Submitter: Ken Bonetti

On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3587

Dear Representatives and Senators,

My name is Ken Bonetti from North Bend, Oregon. I am writing in support of HB 3587 Rocky Habitat Stewardship Bill. I moved to the Oregon coast because of its beauty and rich biodiversity. I am writing you now because I am concerned about the health of rocky habitats along the west coast and particularly along the Oregon coast. I have been observing with dismay that these and other habitats are being adversely affected by climate disruption, human impacts, and importantly, lack of management. I am also aware that these habitats, being important indicators of ocean health, are rapidly declining. Rocky habitats support coastal economies and many jobs in a variety of industries including fisheries, tourism, research and aquaculture. They provide essential habitat for a variety of plant and animal ocean species, including kelp beds, octopus, puffins, crabs, anemones, seals and much more. They also protect shorelines from storms and are very efficient at sequestering carbon. Continued degradation and eventual loss of these habitats would be an ecological and economic catastrophe.

It is for these reasons that I strongly support HB 3587 and am strongly urging you to fully fund and support the bill for the good of our natural environment and our coastal communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of this vitally important legislation.

Sincerely,  
Ken Bonetti, North Bend, OR