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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3580

As Conservation Chair of Salem Audubon Society I am writing in support of HB3580 which would advance eelgrass conservation efforts. Eelgrass meadows are vital nurseries for native fish and shellfish that are important parts of our coastal economies and are critical food sources for migratory birds. Unfortunately eelgrass is declining and we don't even understand why. This bill would set up a taskforce to assess monitoring programs, work collaboratively with local communities and tribes, and set eelgrass conservation targets. I urge you to support it.