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I support HB 3580. Healthy eelgrass meadows are crucial to many marine species. Juvenile fish, such as salmon, herring, & shellfish are vital to Oregon's fishing economy. With the growing threat of climate change, eelgrass is vital to the health of our planet. It sequesters large amounts of carbon and improves water quality. Currently in Tillamook Bay, large trollers are mowing down healthy kelp beds. This has to stop. HB 3580 will establish a necessary task force to set conservation targets and will be a step well taken to ensure the health of eel beds. Thank you for supporting HB 3580.