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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3587

Dear Co-chair Helm, Co-chair Owens and members of the committee,

I am writing to ask that you please support HB 3587, and our invaluable rocky habitats. This bill offers a great opportunity to support biodiversity, coastal economies, and increase resilience to a changing climate.

Oregon's rocky habitats, like Haystack Rock and Coquille Point, are iconic tourist destinations and educational opportunities for millions of visitors. They are also incredibly important for millions of nesting birds, marine mammals, fish and invertebrates. Increasing climate impacts and human disturbance are threatening these special places. HB 3587 would provide needed agency coordination to better protect these sites. It also would set up a grant fund for local communities to engage the public on best practices to enjoy these places while minimizing disturbance to sensitive wildlife and habitats.

Having grown up on the coast, I feel a strong connection to the places HB 3587 promises to protect. I wish to return to my home place, and to raise my children in a landscape that they can feel proud to similarly call home. Now is the time to act to protect those coastal ecosystems. For a modest investment we can ensure rocky habitats can be conserved for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Brendan Deur