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On Behalf Of:

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As an Oregonian, I am expressing my strong support for House Bill 3786, which will provide much-needed strategic investments in Oregon's ocean and coast. The Blue Economy Bill will provide the data and information needed to improve coastal resilience, which includes protecting properties from sea level rise and storm surge. It will also provide the data we need to responsibly and sustainably manage our fishery resources as the California Current experiences the effects of climate stressors, such as warming water and more acidic water. Strategic investments in ocean and coastal science are critical for Oregon's coastal tourism industry, which is a significant source of income for small coastal communities throughout Oregon. But this bill is also about human well-being - because it doesn't matter if you live in Lakeview, Wallowa, Madras, or Yachats - Oregonians love the ocean and all of the services it provides. We must continue to make investments in the science needed to steward one of Oregon's greatest assets. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and thank you for your service to Oregon. George Buckner