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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3786

I support House Bill 3786 because it provides biennium funding for competitive grants to the amount of \$1M each in: 1.Ocean acidification and hypoxia; 2. Sandy beach and dune ecosystems; and 3. Changing ocean conditions and their effects on species and ecosystems. As explained in HB 3786, these are timely and relevant topics because they can have many effects on Oregon's economy, natural resources, wildlife, businesses, property owners, residents and visitors. Knowledge is power. And the knowledge gained through the grantees' projects should empower all stakeholders--Oregon state and local community executives and legislatures, businesses, managers, commercial and recreational fishers, developers, property owners and citizens--to make better, scientifically informed decisions about how to be good stewards of the Oregon ocean and coast.

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