

To: Co Chairs Rep. Ken Helm and Rep. Mark Owens,

Vice Chair: Rep. Sarah McDonald

House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

From: Jane Bacchieri, Executive Director

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RE: Support for HB 3786

The Elakha Alliance is an Oregon non-profit organization whose mission is to make Oregon's marine and coastal ecosystems and communities more robust and resilient by restoring a healthy population of sea otters to the Oregon coast.

The Elakha Alliance strongly supports HB 3786. It will provide much needed funding for new robust, scientific information to inform decisions about ocean, estuarine and other coastal resources including the restoration of a keystone species, sea otters. The Oregon Ocean Science Trust, created by the legislature to support such needed research and monitoring, has a proven track record of managing funds for needed research.

I urge you to support HB 3786.

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