



To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)
Re: IN SUPPORT OF HB 3786 – Blue Economy Bill
Date: March 17, 2025

Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) **supports HB 3786 and urges you to pass this important legislation.** COIN is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

HB 3786, the “Blue Economy” bill, will provide for much needed research and monitoring on the Oregon coast to help build a strong coastal economy, enhance resilience to climate change stressors that impact us in so many ways, and help Oregon’s coastal communities continue to thrive.

Many of our members live in coastal communities and have seen their local environments and economies impacted by climate change. And those of our members who don’t live in coastal communities nonetheless treasure the Oregon coast for its wealth of cultural and natural resources. Thus, COIN strongly supports this effort to provide funding through the Oregon Ocean Science Trust for research grants that will help address major concerns in coastal communities: changing ocean chemistry and water temperatures, dune ecosystems and erosion, and the impact of changing ocean conditions on species and ecosystems. More scientific research will help us make better decisions to support vibrant coastal economies for Oregon’s future.

Please vote YES on HB 3786.

Respectfully,

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