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The state should support and invest in science to understand how ocean acidification and hypoxia affect critical coastal ecosystems, including fish, crabs, and clams that are the backbone of local economies. Given shifts in national priorities and a likely trend toward defunding science and research related to climate change, it is absolutely critical that states like Oregon help fill the gap so that we can continue collecting evidence for potential drivers of ocean acidification and hypoxia, but also determining how and whether coastal flora and fauna are adapting. HB 3786 is a relatively small investment to ensure that science can continue to inform policy and decisions about how to best sustain the ecosystem services generated by healthy coastal environments.