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I strongly support passing House Bill 3786. This bill would fund essential research to address:

- The risks and vulnerabilities that threaten Oregon's economy and ecosystems from changing ocean conditions, including warmer, more acidic, and less oxygenated ocean water
- Sandy beach management and dune ecosystems research to inform strategies to address coastal erosion, which has and will continue to affect transportation and other coastal systems
- Nearshore data collection to understand changing ocean conditions and its effects on species and ecosystems

Oregon's ocean is a beautiful, productive environment that brings cultural and economic value to Oregonians. The ocean is changing at unprecedented rates through Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia (climate change's lesser known marine impacts). To secure ocean health, we need to act now and learn how to manage our coasts before it is too late.