

March 18, 2025

Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Dobson, Vice-Chair McIntyre and Members of the House Committee on Education:

HB 3568 – the Seafood to Schools Act is important to me because I live in Charleston, Oregon, a community that is dependent on the fishing industry. This bill will support that industry and provide healthy food to children. It's a win for the fishing industry, for our local economies on the coast, and our children's health.

The Seafood to Schools working group has begun this work by increasing the sale of seafood sales to schools, coordinating culinary training and resources for child nutrition programs, and developing seafood recipes for child nutrition programs. Please keep this amazing momentum moving and help raise this effort to the next level of success. I encourage you to pass HB 3568.

It's good for the fishing industry, it's good for our coastal economy and it's healthy for our children.

Sincerely,

Jan Hodder, Ph.D.