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I strongly support HB 2977 because it recognizes the vital connection between healthy coastal ecosystems, thriving wildlife, and resilient coastal communities. The Oregon coast is home to an incredible diversity of wildlife—from seabirds and sea otters to tidepool creatures—that depend on intact, well-managed habitats. These same habitats support local economies, cultural traditions, and the quality of life for those who live, work, and play along the coast. Protecting and restoring these areas isn't just about preserving nature—it's about safeguarding the future of our communities and ensuring that future generations can continue to experience the beauty, biodiversity, and benefits of Oregon's coast.