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Transportation committee:

I am writing this email to support the Port of Newport to continue uninterrupted by State bill SB2284 and against it's going any further or passing.

The issues, as I see them, have nothing to do with the Port but appear to be a power play by the ILWU to monopolize the State of Oregon's International Ports.

I understand the need for export at the Port of Newport. I am a past Commissioner at the Port .The Port of Newport "exports" many different and diverse industries which does not seem to be understood by Salem yet.

Our area's of export:

Fisheries:

We are the "Dungeness" Crab Capital of the World! We have some of the most harvested fisheries, and largest commercial fishing fleets in the Continental USA. The local commercial fleet is year around, the MTC tie up for 4 to 5 months and bring in a great deal of product AND spend millions in our region.

Tourism: Oregon has Travel Oregon , a group that promotes Tourism to Oregon throughout the world. Our own Newport Chamber of Commerce travels with that group promoting the Oregon Coast, especially the Yaquina Bay and it's tourist friendly environment. Folks come to see the "working bay front" its Commercial fishing fleet, buy the fresh catch and eat seafood at our restaurants. The Oregon Coast Aquarium is also part of the contingent, which is located on Port property!

Marine Science: By that we are Nationally and Internationally recognized as the Home Port of NOAA, we have the Scientists and students from around the country attend and work at Oregon State University Hatfield Marine Science Center. We home Port their research vessel. All of which are on Port property.

I could go on describing what we have at the Port right now. What I see as the issue in the past is not going in one direction unified. We need to take on more of what we do well which I believe is described above. We need to bring in associated Marine Science industry, capitalize of our Tourism base and grow our commercial fishing fleet with better marine services.

Our recreational facility is also a great money maker, why not expand those facilities too.

I have recently driven through the Port of Morrow and Umatilla, that isn't what

Newport is about. That is a very industrial region, potato processing, grain growing and export, hundreds of acres of flat land and rail capability, we do not have that in Newport.

I've driven through Coos Bay/North Bend, 1100 acres of lay down for log export... we don't have that in Newport.

Please understand, I am not against growth nor export, just feel we would be trading dollars, not making additional income for the Port with cargo shipping. We have limited space, we would displace some of the commercial fishing vessels which would more than likely impact the Port of Toledo.

Yes, the Port has had issues, I believe this bill has ignited a fire with the Commission but also the community. The Commissioners and the new Port Manager will need to work together and lay out a financial plan to accomplish the needs of the Port, but I for one believe they are on the right track.

Please do not bring the HB2284 beyond your committee as I believe it would harm our Port and the community around it.

Thank you for your time.

Regards-

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