



House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity  
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Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Cate and Kropf, and members of the committee,

Thank you for your service, consideration, and dedication of time necessary to deliberate and strategize our state's recovery and prosperity agenda. In recognition of the fiscal constraints and uncertain times facing our state, I urge you to prioritize contributory funding for the Port of Port Orford's redevelopment project as described in HB 2665.

For the past 22 years, I have practiced as a licensed professional engineer and principal of Sol Coast Consulting & Design, LLC, a sustainability consulting and contracting firm based in Coos Bay Oregon with the mission to support strategic growth, responsible development, and sustainable living. As of September of 2020, I have had the privilege of working with the Port of Port Orford as the project manager for their redevelopment project.

Oregon's contribution of \$1.6M to this transformative project will poise the Port for matches from non-profit and federal contributions of over \$5 M.

The immediacy of the economic relief directly related to the \$6.8M in design and construction activities will serve as a sustainable bedrock upon which the Port and Town of Port Orford will reap sustained economic stability and opportunity. State appropriation funding will be used for physical site improvements to the Port of Port Orford that will:

- Capture rainwater for use as boat rinse. This will simultaneously reduce the demand on Port Orford's strained treated public water supply, cut the Port's water supply expenses by 75% and reduce stresses to the Port's stormwater system.
- Integrate seawater delivery, utility relocations, public access and commercial flow patterns and foundational considerations for the Seafood Hub construction (to replace the former Cannery Building).



- Improve stormwater effluent water quality and reduce direct releases to the Pacific Ocean.

The complimentary redevelopment actions included in this bundled funding strategy leverage state appropriations to accomplish additional, synergistic redevelopment elements that will contribute to a diversified and stabilized economy by meeting the local industrious, self sufficient skill set with efficient, modern infrastructure and access to existing and emerging economic opportunities. Those actions include;

- Design and construction of Seawater Delivery system to support live catch, shore side mari-culture and research activities
- Rainwater harvest and Low Impact Stormwater Design
- Diver and other recreational access to the Pacific Ocean
- Geologic hazard assessment and mitigation strategy development and implementation
- Increased ingress / egress security for existing and future users

In addition to the economic aspects of this redevelopment, the Port of Port Orford embodies strategic value for recovery efforts for Oregon's southern coast after a tsunami, seismic or other catastrophic event. As such, prioritization of state funding toward this economic development project will also result in a hardening and strengthening of our contiguous nation's westernmost frontier community as it faces the brunt of *our* increasingly volatile climate and seismic adaptations while upholding a tradition as a lifesaving extremity along the Pacific coast.

I thank you for your time, strongly encourage your support of this worthy project and welcome any inquiries you may have on this or related topics.

Respectfully,

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