

Submitter: Jennifer Sordyl
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3382

Dear Members of the House Rules Committee,

As a resident of Coos Bay, I urge you to oppose HB 3382 even with the -7 amendment. This attempt to evade and weaken our collective environmental protection goals as well as local plans on behalf of a development interest, thereby removing the balance provided by land use planning processes must not be allowed to go forward.

The Coos Bay estuary could face numerous impacts, large and small, seen and unseen, from corporate interests seeking to deepen channels, challenging locally adopted Comprehensive Plans and Estuary Management Plans which the land use system is based. Careful land use review over some of our most sensitive and important eco-systems in our state are why we've entered into these democratic processes to achieve our climate goals.

If land use regulations are altered whenever they pose a potential challenge to development proposals, then the land use laws and statewide planning goals will be MEANINGLESS. I am proud of the more than 60 years of work and democratic actions that have created our Comprehensive Plans and Estuary Management Plans for Coos Bay. A direct, measurable result of these years of planning are the establishment of the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

I respectfully urge you to NOT move HB 3382 [with amendments] forward and keep our statewide and local planning processes intact.