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Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3382

Senator Steiner,

Thank you for your questions, interest and knowledge about what is at issue with HB 3382. I want to respond to a few of your questions as I do not think you received correct answers. Primarily, the Port just suggested that it may not do “normal dredging” but that was not at issue in the land use cases. Those cases and this bill are needed as Mr. Clem said at the first hearing, is because the LUBA cases identify that there are additional planning needs before the navigation channel may be EXPANDED. There is nothing in this bill that will help any Port get their federal permits for “maintenance dredging” which is allowed in Goal 16. The other question was related to the Corp of Engineers overlay. The point here is that currently the local criteria must be satisfied for a federal project to go forward. This amendment will take away that protection for Coos Bay. DLCD has acknowledged that this provision will not be incorporated into our Coastal Management Plan. That would be foolish.

Please do not conduct a work study session; at least hold another hearing.

Thank you.