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Chair Lieber and Vice Chair Knopp:

After listening to former Representative Brian Clem's oral statement on HB 3382 on June 16, I have decided to resubmit my comment. Due to his knowledge of the permitting procedures and the steps required for major developers to obtain the appropriate permits, I find some of his statement deceptive.

Mr. Clem, along with a large number of community members and 300 constituents who submitted opposition to HB 3382, is fully aware that this is the same process that prevented the development of LNG in Coos Bay, which would have created employment opportunities for Coos Bay residents.

What are Pacific Intermodal Terminal and Mr. Clem specifically afraid of? Why are they hesitant to follow the appropriate procedures to acquire the necessary permits needed for the terminal? Mr. Clem is aware that if HB 3382 is repealed on Tuesday, the Pacific Intermodal Container Terminal project at the Port of Coos Bay will be delayed. With all due respect, I feel that is why he helped litigate HB 3382. Creating the short cuts needed to bypass the land use laws and regulations. Evidently, they have sufficient funds to cover the time required to obtain the necessary environmental development plans for the necessary permits, based on Mr. Clem's remark regarding the proposed funds required to have infrastructure constructed.

House Bill 3382 poses serious risks to estuaries if it is passed in its current form. Please consider joining the 300 opponents of HB 3382 and halt this bill from moving forward. It is our responsibility to safeguard the estuary to the greatest extent possible. Stopping HB 3382 is a part of this responsibility.

Respectfully,
Karie Silva