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On Behalf Of: Port of Alsea

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources

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The Port of Alsea Board of Commissioners and staff strongly support the proposed Oregon State Marine Board budget. However, we urge the Legislature to provide additional funding from lottery funds or the general fund to the proposed budget. The Marine Board provides invaluable assistance and resources to all ports, but especially to smaller public ports that often have smaller staff and limited resources. The Port of Alsea and the small towns within its district have realized the benefits of working with the Marine Board on local projects. Additional funding for the Marine Board would in turn result in greater revenues for local businesses and the ports themselves - a valuable outcome in rural communities such as Waldport, Yachats, and the surrounding unincorporated areas. Please support the OSMB budget as much as reasonably possible.