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The Port of Coos Bay should not have dominion over the estuary. Our bay is a local resource, but it is also a state and national resource. Most of all it is unique and should be treasured.

The Port is not elected. The idea of concentrating power is a constant battle across this country. It is never wise to remove the people from the equation. This HB3382 is nothing more than a power grab.

I and many others are not arguing the Port of Coos Bay should have no say about the major issues concerning the developments proposed. I am arguing that they should absolutely not have the only say.

The people of Oregon and the United States have a vested interest in this area. They have paid and paid for most of the upkeep. We want our agency in these matters . We want the best minds and people with science backgrounds to be involved when the business community petitions the Port. They come here looking for tax breaks and federal government programs that will pay for the infrastructure. All these decisions should not be made without due diligence, policies, and goals from our duly ELECTED representatives. Most of all, what we have in place encourages the people to participate.

Thank you for taking my testimony, and thanks for your service to our amazing state.