

March 13, 2023

To the joint committee on transportation:

It has come to my attention that there is a bill being introduced that concerns me greatly.

I strongly urge you to **oppose HB 3382**: Authorizes certain ports to construct, maintain and improve deep draft navigation channel improvements without demonstrating compliance with state or local land use law.

This proposed legislation is antithetical to Oregon's statewide planning goals that are in place to ensure that coastal development occurs in a responsible and more sustainable manner – one that is responsive to the important functions and values of estuarine systems as well as to the inherent challenges and hazards of a coastal environment. Exempting port authorities from consideration of land use laws is absurd. Not only does it ignore the laws enacted for the health and safety of all Oregonians, it creates an inequitable system by singling out certain ports from all other private and public landowners.

Speaking as a resident of Coos Bay, our Port does not have a good track record for enlightened development – and one should not blindly trust this entity to act in the best interests of its citizens. These laws are in place for a reason – to inform development in a manner that is based on best practices and scientific information. The laws were developed with the input of local leaders and the public – this bill removes citizens from the process. This is unacceptable and this bill should be rejected.

This legislation is apparently aimed at expediting certain projects – specifically a containership facility in Coos Bay. This project has been sold as yet another economic boon to the area while glossing over the obvious weak links in the proposal (literally a weak rail link). Regardless of the shortcomings or perceived benefits of the project, the Port should not be exempt from existing law.

**Please respect Oregon's statewide planning goals and reject this misguided bill.**

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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