

Submitter: Beverly Segner
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3382

Dear Senators Gorsek, McLain, Frederick, and Woods,
Representatives Evans, Nathanson, and Pham,

Once again it is time for you, our elected officials, to stand up for Oregon's land use laws and send a clear message to agencies and special interests seeking to circumvent them. HB 3382 is intended as an end run against our 50-year legacy of requiring a process of thoughtful and thorough consideration of all ramifications involved with proposed developments in the Coastal Management Zone. Of vital import to this process is the opportunities required for significant public participation and input prior to any project approval.

As a resident and property owner in Coos County since 1981, I have taken an active interest in proposals that impact the coastal environment, most recently the now abandoned JCEP. The right afforded me as a member of the citizenry to have my testimony heard and given credence is profound. With so much in the balance in our world, this is the time to seek input not attempt to squelch it in service of "streamlining". This especially includes requiring expert examination and testimony of potential environmental impacts from development.

While my testimony during the JCEP process focused toward the societal impacts of the proposal on health care and social welfare (familiar areas of study for me as a clinical social worker) I also learned about the importance of eel grass in supporting the coastal ecology. I had no idea of the relationship between eel grass beds and the crab population or health of other fisheries nor how difficult it is to replace or re-propagate an existing eel grass bed if destroyed. I learned that dredging the harbor would have huge and lasting ramifications on this foundational piece of coastal health.

For me, this underscores why HB 3382 is such a bad bill. It is designed to interfere with discernment, discourse, and public process in the area of land use planning where it is more essential than ever that we have ALL the information necessary to make wise decisions.

Please add your voice in opposition of HB 3382.

Sincerely,
Beverly Segner, LCSW

P.S. Recently a biologist friend aware of my burgeoning interest (and paucity of knowledge) in things ecological, recommended a recent book by Pulitzer Prize-

winning author

Annie Proulx entitled, *Fen, Bog, & Swamp: A Short History of Peatland Destruction and Its Role in the Climate Crisis*. It is opening my eyes to more ways those of us who may be uninformed about the workings of the natural world can innocently attend its demise. Yet, another reason for maintaining our land use systems, not unraveling them.