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I am alarmed at the carte blanche approach of this legislation. I am aware, as most citizens of Coos Bay are, that growth and development of Port capacity is potentially of huge benefit to our region. I believe that a well thought out and managed development could allow for container shipping and possibly cruise ship access in Coos Bay. As an environmentally and systems aware person, I recognize this may come at some cost to other industries important to our region-- tourism, recreation, and fishing. This legislation goes too far in rescinding our needed oversight to estuarine program management throughout our state, as well as in Coos Bay. Current law is working to preserve the health of our shores. Do not use this financial incentive to overwhelm good sense and just say "Sure, anything you want!" If we must make adjustments that would allow current requirement a process to expedite impact studies, etc, let's write a balanced and thoughtful law. Keep a process of oversight, with public input in place, which can respond to each unique situation, please.