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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3382

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB3382 that would allow certain ports in Oregon to make changes to local estuaries without having to follow the state land use laws. Voiding the state rules means that federal rules would not obtain either—a dangerous precedent, bypassing safeguards that have protected our estuaries and ports. In addition, destroying coastal planning creates a path to destroying planning everywhere in Oregon—again, a dangerous and ill-advised precedent. Finally, planning must conform to what local people want, and all other actors must conform too. Why would local people give up their local control? This bill would enable economic interests from outside the area, the state, and the nation to control local issues. I voice my strong objection to HB3382.

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