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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3382
To: The Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: HB 3382

Ports are massive land owners that have tremendous impacts on our environmental health, community safety and livability, and our economy. The idea of broadly exempting Ports from local and state regulations is outrageous and should never have seen the light of day. This legislation provides no rationale or explanation for these exemptions – it simply gives Ports a free pass to develop without constraint or accountability.

HB 3382 is an extreme and dangerous bill. The list of local and state regulations that could be waived is staggering and includes: public involvement requirements, environmental zoning to protect in-water, riparian and upland habitat, protections for floodplains and wetlands, protections for Oregon's coastal zone, zoning restrictions to protect adjacent communities, dredging and dredge disposal regulations... the list goes on and on. This bill would have made it almost impossible to stop terrible projects like the development of West Hayden Island and Pembina Propane. It would have taken away some of the community's most important tools to stop new fossil fuel facilities. Waiving these protections would give powerful ports and their powerful industrial allies the ability to simply trample long standing protections for our community and our environment. In addition, The Port of Portland, which is one of the five listed Ports in this legislation, says that it was not involved in drafting the legislation and is not supporting it.

The Joint Committee on Transportation should not advance HB 3382. HB 3382 is an extreme, vague, and dangerous bill which would allow powerful Ports to bypass important protections for our environment and our communities.

Sincerely,

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