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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to oppose House Bill 3382. By allowing deep water ports to effectively bypass State land use planning rules, it would create a glaring loophole in Oregon's landmark land management system that has maintained a stable and healthy balance between urban development and rural land uses for decades. This system includes reasonable and time-tested rules and public planning processes that protect and maintain the economic and natural resource benefits of the state's marine estuaries and lower reaches of the Columbia River system. These are among the most productive areas in the state for water quality, biodiversity, fisheries and recreation; they are also some of the most vulnerable to damages stemming from industrial and urban development done without land use controls. To provide a free pass around our land use management system that would benefit only the narrow interests of deep water ports and their managers would be a special interest blow to the much broader benefits of our existing public land use planning process. I strongly urge the Joint Committee on Transportation to stop this bill.

Thank you.