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Having lived for many years in the Coos Bay area,(now in Portland and a frequent visitor to the coast) I understand the importance of our estuaries to waterfowl, crabs, oysters, and most importantly to salmon. Plus the tourist industry. Current land use laws do not stop all development, but they all do require thoughtful reflection, debate and public input when changes are proposed. .Development plans for ports should not be rushed through our planning process willy nilly..

The bill would undermine Oregon's land use system and challenge our beliefs in fair government. The citizens of Coos Bay and North Bend developed an estuary management plan many years ago, as required by law. To ignore that history and that process will erode faith in local, state and federal governments.

I urge you to oppose this bill as it would critically impact and harm our current land use laws that afford protection to our estuaries. The bill's flaws would allow dredging in our coastal rivers regardless of land use regulations. Many citizens of Oregon who love its coast fought long and hard for those land use laws and they have created the beautiful coast we have today. .We cannot, nor should we negate their efforts.

Ideally, we should build upon them, not dismantle them.

Thank you for your service to Oregon and your attention to this matter.