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To: Joint Committee on Transportation

Re: HB 3382

Dear Committee Members,

Oregon is known for having some of the strictest land use regulations in the country. This is a good thing to be known for. Oregon has thus far saved and protected lands for agricultural purposes and forests which are not only valuable due to timbering but as an ecological, health and economic resource for citizens and visitors alike. By not paving over them they remain. For the future of Oregon our waters and ports must continue to receive those same protections

HB 3382 undermines land use planning laws for all of Oregon's deep-water ports. Authorizing major development projects to proceed without demonstrating compliance with state and local land use law puts at risk the valuable public resources of fish, birds, wildlife, and their habitats within our irreplaceable estuaries. Just like our agricultural lands and forests these need to be protected into the future.

In addition to rendering state and local land use laws ineffective, HB 3382 subverts processes for public involvement in the review and input of how some projects may affect the places we live, recreate, and work. Oregon has a legacy of public engagement in natural resource management. This bill denies the public opportunities to participate in the review process for port projects in deep-water channels. The bill also sets a dangerous precedent for special interest groups to exempt themselves from state and local laws.

Please reject HB 3382 by acknowledging its incompatibility with the Oregon Coastal Management Program, and that the bill is not in the public's interest.

Thank you for continuing to support solid conservation practices in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Danos