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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3382

Greetings, First I want to thank you for your tireless work on behalf of the people, environment, and wildlife of Oregon. As a grandmother, retired teacher, and author/artist, I am deeply concerned about HB 3382, especially the #3 amendment. The damage to the ecosystem would be catastrophic. To quote the League of Women Voters, "Estuaries are nurseries for a wide variety of fish and wildlife species, including our iconic salmon. Eel grass that would be destroyed is essential habitat for many species and functions to improve water quality to support ocean health. HB 3382 is also at odds with Oregon's Climate Goals by removing critical protections for estuaries, which sequester carbon." Need I say more? There is a great deal more that HB 3382 would harm so please, please do NOT vote for this misguided bill. Haven't we seen enough damage to our environment? Oregon can be a leader in coastal water and estuary health. The harm that it does to the intricate ecosystem will only harm humans in time.

Thank you for doing what you know to be the right thing for Oregon. Vote NO on HB3382.