

Submitter: Jeffrey Hayes  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB3382

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I am writing to express my opposition to the Port Dredging Exemption Bill, HB 3382. This bill enables major deepwater ports in Oregon to bypass essential land use and environmental regulations for the sake of fast-tracking extensive dredging and channel modification. If it passes, it will set a dangerous precedent, jeopardizing the health of some of the most ecologically important and sensitive waterways in our state. At a time when climate change is already impacting our state (temperatures reaching the 90s in \*May\* being the latest example), we should be more mindful, not less, of the environmental impacts of industrial activity. This bill would also have a negative impact on local coastal economies including oyster aquaculture, crabbing, and fishing. I therefore ask you to please vote no on HB 3382.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,  
Jeffrey A. Hayes