Submitter: Patricia Armstrong

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3382

To All Those Concerned,

Please, do NOT pass HB332. We must protect our estuaries, not only as nurseries for key species like salmon and habitat for migratory birds, but for us. Our future depends on how we care for what's left of our environment NOW. Our ability to withstand the impacts of climate change is largely dependent upon maintaining healthy ecosystems like estuaries, which sequester 10x more efficiently than forests.

As a citizen of Yachats, Oregon, I believe that HB 3382 would weaken Oregon's integrated Coastal Management Program under the Coastal Zone Management Act which has served for over 50 years in balancing protection and development.

Must we only recognize what was lost once it is gone? Please, make the wise decision regarding this bill and do not pass it.

Sincerely, Patricia Armstrong