

Submitter: Vanessa Morgan  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB3382

Dear members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

Thank you for your work during this legislative session. I am writing to express my opposition to the Port Dredging Exemption Bill, HB 3382. HB 3382 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. This bill sets a dangerous precedent, jeopardizing the health of some of the most ecologically important and sensitive waterways in our state. Oregon's estuaries support tens of thousands of migratory shorebirds and waterfowl and 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.

It would also have a negative impact on local coastal economies through losses in the oyster aquaculture, crabbing, and fishing industries.

Please vote no on HB 3382.

Sincerely,

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