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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 in 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 to allow fast-tracking of extensive dredging and channel modification. This bill will jeopardize the health of ecologically important and sensitive waterways in our state and negatively impact local coastal economies including oyster aquaculture, crabbing, and fishing.

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 by dredging is essential habitat for many species and improves water quality to support ocean health. Healthy ecosystems like estuaries are essential to the Oregon Coast's ability to withstand the effects of climate change.

Please vote no on HB 3382.

Thank you for your time and attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

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