

I am a long time resident of Coos Bay, OR and am writing to you with grave concerns about House Bill 3382. This Bill would allow an unelected body - the Port of Coos Bay - to ignore Oregon's land use planning laws and act without any concern for or input from the public. In the past, the Port has been unresponsive to local inquiries about their development schemes. Allowing the Port to dredge, fill and develop without compliance with land use laws risks degradation of the valuable estuarine environment that is so important to existing uses such as fishing, oyster farming, tourism and recreation. The bill disregards and undermines the cooperative effort that goes into creating and updating Estuary Management Plans and local comprehensive plans. Maintenance dredging of Coos Bay is already allowed; the goal of this bill is to encourage additional dredging at the discretion of non elected groups such as ports or industry without the standard accepted methods of review of hydrological, ecological or economic concerns.

The proposed amendment does absolutely nothing to alleviate these concerns.

Please do not allow this insidious and unequal exception to land use policy to move forward.

I urge you to defeat Bill 3382.

Thank you for your consideration,

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