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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB3382  
To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived on the Oregon coast, in Coos County, my entire life - 70 years. I am writing to express my opposition to the Port Exemption Bill, HB 3382.

HB 3382 will allow major deepwater ports in Oregon to make an end-run around essential land use and environmental regulations for the sake of fast-tracking extensive dredging and channel modification. This bill sets a dangerous precedent, enabling corporations to bypass the critical regulations that ensure our estuaries continue to support our local coastal economies, including commercial fishing, oystering, and crabbing, as well as many other recreational uses of the bay by coastal residents.

HB 3382 is also at odds with Oregon's climate goals. Estuaries act as carbon sinks by storing and sequestering carbon 1000 times more efficiently than forests. Large corporations should not be allowed to circumvent laws and regulations designed to protect our natural resources and the quality of life in Oregon's coastal communities. Please vote no on HB 3382.

I am asking you to stand with South Coast communities and Oregonians across the state in opposition to the Port Exemption Bill. Vote no on HB 3382 and urge your colleagues to oppose this legislation.