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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3382

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opposition to the Port Dredging Exemption Bill, HB 3382. I understand this bill focuses on allowing dredging and channel modification through an “exception” to Goal 16 within the existing land use process.

I am against fast-tracking any extensive dredging and channel modification of major deep water ports in OR. As a resident of Bandon, I'm especially apprehensive of this being applied in Coos Bay. Bypassing land use and environmental regulations is shortsighted, and a guaranteed way to negatively impact our coastal ecosystems and the livelihoods that depend on them.

Please never forget that Oregon's coastal estuaries provide essential habitat for hundreds of species, besides humans, is crucial for water quality, and carbon sequestration. We need to move thoughtfully when developing a deep water port.

Please vote no on HB 3382. Thank you.