

February 6, 2025

Representative Nancy Nathanson, Chair
House Committee on Revenue
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Port of Portland Testimony in Support of HB 2075

Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee:

The Port of Portland (Port) supports passage of HB 2075, which extends the sunset on authority for local governments, including ports, to adopt programs providing property tax incentives to landowners for cleanup of brownfield properties. Redevelopment of brownfields aligns with the Port's mission, which is to build shared prosperity for the region through travel, trade, and economic development.

The statutory authorization for brownfield cleanup property tax incentive programs was established in 2016 by HB 4084 with broad stakeholder and legislative support. Contaminated brownfields often languish as vacant or underutilized in communities due to a cycle of disinvestment. Thousands of brownfield properties exist throughout Oregon. The authorization for brownfield cleanup tax incentive programs provides a tool to help spur the investment necessary to revitalize and redevelop these sites.

The Port supports maintaining the local option for brownfield cleanup property tax incentives and respectfully urges passage of HB 2075. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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