



February 20, 2025

Chair Meek and Members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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The Oregon Public Ports Association (OPPA) represents all 23 public ports in the State of Oregon. Our membership is diverse both in size and in geography. Members stretch from the Southern Coast at the Port of Brookings Harbor, north to the Port of Astoria and then east approximately 190 river miles along the Columbia River to the Port of Umatilla. Together, Oregon's public ports employ directly, indirectly and induce over 101,300 jobs in our state generating nearly \$600 million annually in state and local taxes.

Established in 1922, the Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association's mission is to facilitate trade, provide business leadership, exercise principles of environmental stewardship, serve as an industry focal point, and promote operating policies and practices that are safe, reliable, efficient, and cost-effective. Together, we would like to express our support for SB 100 that would extend the sunset to the property tax exemption cargo containers.

Our member ports and our maritime shipping industry partners face aggressive national and international competition amongst ports and shippers in our attempts to promote shipping services and trade opportunities for Oregon businesses and agriculture. Both of our associations are committed to regaining, maintaining and expanding the state's access to national and international container shipping services.

This exemption not only benefits our local agricultural shippers, but many of our home-grown businesses that are household names throughout our state benefit from this exemption by easing shipping costs. Furthermore, the revenue exempted from the tax according to the 2025-2027 Tax Expenditure Report is forecasted to be less than \$100,000 in the upcoming biennium. Allowing this property tax to expire would likely result in nominal gains of revenue while also hurting our national and international competitiveness in the shipping container business. As a result, both our organizations encourage you to support the extension of the Cargo Container Tax Credit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Landauer".

Mark J Landauer
Lobbyist
Oregon Public Ports Association
Columbia River Steamship Operators