



# PORT OF BANDON

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Oregon State Legislature  
Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 357

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please consider this letter as full support for Senate Bill 357, relating to port dredging. Granting authorization to ports to charge public bodies for costs incurred to remove sediments deposited into port waterways is long overdue.

The Port's boating marina receives a large amount of stormwater and sediment gathered from local streets and Highway 101 which are deposited into a corner of the marina. The sediment from this builds up beneath docks and gangways, requiring expensive dredging with a long reach bucket excavator from the adjacent street. These sediments, in particular, contain a high risk of introducing toxic contamination into the marina basin, jeopardizing the Port's ability to cost effectively discharge the majority of dredged sediments by a pipe dredge into the flow lane, as flow lane discharge requires clean sediments. Although the Port has made repeated requests, we do not receive any financial support from the City or ODOT to manage the deposits.

The Port of Bandon provides critical services to Southern Oregon's boating community, a function that is heavily relied upon by the public along the coast as well as inland communities. These services result in not only recreational enjoyment of the waterways but also economic vitality for the tourism and travel sectors.

We urge you to approve and fund SB 357.

Sincerely,

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