



April 15, 2025

Representative Nancy Nathanson, Chair
House Revenue Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Representative Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

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 290 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.

The OPPA supports the dash two amendment to HB 2725. The amendment would largely maintain the modifications to the Strategic Investment Program (SIP) that were enacted in 2023 under HB 2009. Specifically, on the East side of Bonneville Dam, ports would continue to participate in how the annual community services support fee will be distributed to non-school impacted taxing districts and be a party to an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) provided the SIP is within the port's district. However, to address the problem outlined by the City of Hillsboro, ports West of Bonneville Dam will participate in the community services support fee discussion and be a party to an IGA when the SIP development takes place on **port owned** property.

Ports in Oregon have a long history of promoting trade and commerce. Our members participate and take advantage of many of the economic development programs like Enterprise Zones and Long-Term Rural Enterprise Zones. Many of these developments contribute greatly to the local property tax base that our local governments rely on. Furthermore, it will continue to promote communication and understanding amongst local government economic development partners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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

Mark J Landauer
Oregon Public Ports Association