76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 3596 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Sen. Verger Senate Committee on Business, Transportation, and Economic Development Sen. Kruse

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

**Action:** Do Pass **Vote:** 6 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/5

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows the International Port of Coos Bay to own and operate a rail line connecting the Danebo station in Lane County to the Coquille station in Coos County. Allows the Port of Coos Bay to annex territory within the area constituting the Coos Bay rail link or land planned and zoned for industrial uses that is contiguous to the Coos Bay rail link.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Improving rail service
- Jurisdictional issues with the Port of Coos Bay owning the Coos Bay rail link
- Providing clarity in statute
- Impact of the Coos Bay rail link on economic development

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** House Bill 3596 authorizes the Port of Coos Bay to annex, at the request of the owning entity, the rail line rights-of-way or industrial lands contiguous to rights-of-way. Any annexation overlapping with another port does not withdraw territory from the other port.