

Chair Beyer and Members:

SB 646 itself acknowledges in Section 1.(3)a, that ... "port facilities are an integral part of the commercial and industrial infrastructure of this state." Indeed the Port of Brookings Harbor is important to the state and it is tremendously important to economically distressed Curry County and up and down the coast to serve the fishing fleet and the businesses associated with the industry.

I, myself, have a personal interest in the port because I visit a family member on a boat in the harbor. I am aware of some of the needs for port improvement.

It is vital that it have a safe and functional infrastructure for the fleet, the processors, the tenants of the Port, the festivals, the locals, recreationalists and tourists. We must not let the Port deteriorate. This bill can assist the goal of port repair and improvement through the use of lottery bonds.

Please vote yes on SB 646.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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