



**Senate Bill 646**  
**Senate Committee on Business and Transportation**  
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Chair Beyer and Committee Members, thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today. My name is Gary Dehlinger and I am the Port Manager of Port of Brookings Harbor. I am here today to testify regarding my support for Senate Bill 646. I also want to thank Senator Roblan, Senator Kruse, Representative McKeown and Representative Brock Smith, of the Coastal Caucus, for introducing and supporting this proposed legislation.

Senate Bill 646 is the second phase of multiple phases to upgrade and reconstruct the commercial fish industry receiving docks, improve and repair Port Infrastructure, as well as, providing Port resiliency to natural disasters.

The first phase, soon to be completed, reconstructed 180-feet of dilapidated receiving docks for the new \$10 million state of the art seafood processing facility that has created forty new family wage jobs, increased the economic development of the community, the commercial fishing industry and the South Coast Oregon Regional economy.

The second phase would repair 100-foot section of broken, unusable commercial receiving dock for Pacific Seafood. Currently, Pacific Seafood had to relocate to the Port's Public Hoist impacting Pacific Seafood, Port operations and commercial fish industry. The reconstruction of this broken section of receiving dock would create twenty family wage jobs and continue to support the local economy.

Improved infrastructure will help sustain the economic growth for the Port and South Coast Oregon Regional economy.

Thank you for your time and attention today. I am happy to answer any questions you have.