



HB 2902 is set for hearing this Wednesday at 3pm.

Despite the opposition from the entire shipbuilding and repair industry on the south coast, this bill is moving forward having passed in the House.

This bill will allow governmental agencies to compete against the private shipyards of Oregon, most of which are located on the south coast with the largest shipyard being here in Reedsport. Just as Fred Wahl Marine Construction begins to grow on Bolon Island the threat of a new public competition is overshadowing this success. This industry is limited and if public agencies are allowed to operate shipyards the private shipyards will suffer, or even close completely. While our shipyards payout tens of thousands in personal property tax, payroll tax and real estate tax the Ports pay nothing.

As the national agenda moves away from government interference in private industry, this bill moves Oregon completely in the opposite direction and sets a precedent that will be used in future bills as justification for public competition with private businesses.

Please send a letter to Senator's on the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation and let them know that this bill is harmful for Coastal Douglas County and bad for Oregon small business:

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