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Senator Lee Beyer, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation  
Oregon State Legislature

**RE: Opposing House Bill 2695A**

Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee,

ILWU Local 12 longshoremen, working in the Port of Coos Bay, oppose HB 2695. ORS 776.405 currently requires foreign vessels entering the Port of Coos Bay to be guided by Oregon licensed maritime pilots. HB 2695A would exempt tugs and barges, specifically trading between Oregon and British Columbia, from using qualified Oregon licensed pilots.

Oregon Bar Pilots have undergone rigorous training and certification which ensures both public safety and environmental protection. Chipping away at ORS 7756.405 by business interests, to avoid the hiring of qualified State licensed pilots, endanger those of us who make our living on the waterfront.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Alford'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gary Alford  
President, ILWU Local 12