

HB 2902 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Carrier: Sen. Roblan

Action Date: 05/10/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 4-1-0-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley
Nays: 1 - Thomsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes ports to acquire, construct, maintain and operate shipyards.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on shipbuilding facility at Port of Toledo
- Private enterprise competing against governments
- Reliance of coastal economy on ship repair facilities
- Example of the Port of Coos Bay taking over operation of rail line
- Amount of work done by port employees rather than contractors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's system of 23 public ports play an important role in helping Oregon products begin their journeys to markets throughout the world. Nine ports are on the Columbia River system, including the deep-water ports of Astoria, St. Helens and Portland, while 14 ports are on the Oregon coast.

A shipyard is a facility where ships, boats and other watercraft are constructed and repaired. There are currently five Oregon ports, all on the coast, that own shipyards.