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I am writing on very short notice (a few hours) to encourage you to not proceed with HB 2284. I am a long time local business owner and have followed the challenges the Port of Newport has had in adjusting to the loss of our Port Manager, Don Mann, several years ago. Under Don's able leadership and with a Commission which worked well together, much was accomplished for the benefit of our community and state. Full disclosure – I was privileged to serve as a commissioner when Don was our manager for a number of years.

The current commissioners are a bright, talented group who are working well together to solve the Port's challenges – the major one right now being to bring on the right person as manager. They understand the interests of a variety of constituents need to be considered for the benefit of all. I understand a new manager will soon be on board so please give that person and the Commission time to form a working relationship and demonstrate an ability to tackle the many challenges in running a port these days. Current port issues are not so different than previous ones or what others are also facing – limited resources (land) and income, infrastructure repair and development and competing interests, etc. These are always best addressed at the local level and the Port's past history has proven that capability with the right manager. It WILL do so again.

The Port of Newport is no Port of Portland or even Coos Bay and it needs adequate time to find its footing and proceed. I participated early on in the selection process for a new manager and couldn't help but notice the state's extensive involvement in candidate recruitment and review. That clearly did not work out very well. Local leadership in local communities is always the best route to follow to achieve desired results locally and, by extension, statewide.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very Respectfully Yours,

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