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Measure: HB3382

The Coos Bay Estuary is the backbone of the economy on the South Coast. This bill threatens generations of coastal economies and would erode the essential functions of a coastal estuary management plan across the state. HB 3382-3 would remove an existing requirement that for new large scale channel modification or dredging in the Coos Bay estuary, developers must show that there is a public benefit and that they have done an impact analysis. Particularly egregious is that HB3382-3 is designed to fast-track a specific project - the proposed Pacific Intermodal Container Terminal project at the Port of Coos Bay. The bill is being pushed for by former legislators with personal investment in NorthPoint Development. Eroding long-standing land use laws for the sake of a specific corporate development sets a dangerous precedent across the state, enabling future developers to use legislative pathways to fast track potentially harmful projects without environmental review.

League of Women Voters Coos County urges Oregon legislators to vote no on HB 3382-3 to sustain the local industries at the heart of Oregon's coastal economies.
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