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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3382

I'm writing in opposition to HB 3382. This bill would severely weaken state and local land use regulations on port projects within or adjacent to federal navigation channels on the Willamette River, Columbia River, Yaquina Bay, and Coos Bay.

These are some of the most ecologically important and sensitive waterways in our state. This bill would open the door to completely unchecked dredging and heavy industrial development on port-owned lands, with zero regard to ecological or human impacts.

If a development project is truly in the best interest of all Oregonians, it should at the very least demonstrate compliance with the established rules and procedures. Please do not give ports a blank check to defile our submerged and submersible state lands.