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Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3382

Dear Members of The Joint Committee on Transportation,

I urge you to reject HB 3382.

The bill "authorizes certain ports to construct, maintain and improve deep draft navigation channel improvements without demonstrating compliance with state or local land use law".

What?

I feel that this bill proposing the unregulated deepening of the Ports of Portland, Astoria, Newport, Coos Bay and St Helens calls for the abandonment of responsible and scientific management of Oregon's natural gifts.

To my mind, allowing a port, such as the unelected body of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay Commission, free reign to alter the bay is similar to the slackening of building codes in the earthquake prone and now, devastated areas of Turkey.

Public accountability, codes and regulations are what a responsible government must use to protect our waterways, lands, human and non-human habitats and a viable economy.

Thank you for your consideration of the voices opposing HB 3382.

-Bonnie McKinlay