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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3382

The Joint Committee on Transportation should not advance HB 3382. HB 3382 is an extreme, vague, and dangerous bill that would allow powerful Ports to bypass important protections for our environment and our communities. HB 3382 provides absolutely no rationale for providing sweeping exemptions for Ports that are some of the largest landowners in the state and have profound impacts on the environment, the community, and the economy. It is telling that even the Port of Portland, which is one of the five listed Ports in this legislation, says that it was not involved in drafting the legislation and is not supporting it.

HB 3382 would exempt five listed Ports from local and state land use regulations including statewide land use planning goals and related administrative rules, local comprehensive plans, and local zoning regulations if a project, on land or in water, is served by a deep water navigation channel. This would include local and state regulations involving public involvement, protections for in-water, riparian and upland habitat, floodplains and wetlands, protections for the Willamette River Greenway, protections for Oregon's coastal zone, dredging and dredge disposal regulations—regulations to protect the safety and livability of adjacent communities.

HB 3382 would give these Ports and their powerful industrial allies, some of the most influential and well connected interests in the state, the ability to run roughshod over local communities and fundamentally undermine the ability of communities to protect their environment, community safety, climate goals, and livability goals. It is an affront to basic public process and accountability. Please do NOT advance HB 3382.

Sincerely,
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