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

Co-chairs Gorseck and McClain, and members of the Joint Transportation Committee, my name is Marc Liverman. I am a long-term resident of Portland, Oregon, and I am testifying today on my own behalf.

Please do NOT advance HB 3382. This is a vague and dangerous bill that would allow Ports in Astoria, Coos Bay, Newport, Portland, and St. Helens to bypass statewide land use planning goals, and related administrative rules, local comprehensive plans, and local zoning regulations.

Among other things, the proposed exemption would remove many specific protections for public involvement and accountability, the safety and livability of adjacent communities, and protections for in-water, riparian, and upland habitat, floodplains and wetlands, the Willamette River Greenway, Oregon's coastal zone, and the dredging and dredge disposal process.

There is no objective rationale to give these Ports and their industrial allies such a sweeping exemption to run roughshod over statewide goals and local communities. Moreover, the Port of Portland, which is one of the Ports listed in this legislation, says that it was not involved in drafting HB 3382 and is not supporting it.

Please do NOT advance this bill.

Thank you for your public service, and for your attention to this issue in particular.