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House Bill 3382 would wreak havoc on Oregon's land use planning system. It also would impair Oregon's ability to limit federal actions that affect our estuaries, such as massive facilities to enable development of infrastructure for offshore wind farms.

Oregon's land use laws require careful consideration before actions are permitted which could damage public resources. Estuaries are critical coastal ecosystems. They provide homes for fish, crabs, oysters, clams, and migratory waterfowl and seals. Intact estuarine systems can enhance water quality, buffer communities from storms, and sequester carbon. They also offer recreational opportunities.

Removing the legal requirement that ports must comply with state and local ordinances before dredging estuaries will potentially lead to destruction of these valuable bodies of water. That's why HB 3382 shouldn't become law.