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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB3382

I oppose this bill because it was requested by the Oregon Public Ports Association, which wants to avoid environmental rules that could limit its development plans.

The bill would stop land use planning for all the state's deepwater ports. The bill aims to help the Port of Coos Bay build a container port, but it would also affect ports in Newport, Astoria, St. Helens, and Portland. If this bill had been law, we could not have stopped the Jordan Cove LNG terminal on Coos Bay's North Spit. (This project might come back if this bill passes.) This would also impact the Columbia River and the Willamette up to Portland.