



April 6, 2023

Senate Committee on Labor & Business
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97310

Chair Taylor & Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Public Ports Association (OPPA) represents all 23 public ports in the State of Oregon. Our membership is diverse both in size and geography and stretches from the Southern Coast at the Port of Brookings Harbor, north to the Port of Astoria and then east approximately 290 river miles along the Columbia River to the Port of Umatilla. Together, Oregon's public ports employ directly, indirectly or induce over 101,300 jobs in our state generating nearly \$600 million annually in state and local taxes.

The OPPA would like to express its support for HB 2270 which would modernize the statute authorizing the Oregon Port Revolving Fund. This fund assists ports with funding for the planning and construction of infrastructure and facilities. Eligible expenses include pre-project planning, engineering, acquisition, improvement, rehabilitation, construction, operation, or maintenance. Specifically, the bill will remove the \$100 application fee, remove the \$3 million cap that a port can borrow, provides the department some needed flexibility related to setting interest rates, and extends the maximum term of loans.

Thank you for your consideration of these remarks and we ask that you approve HB 2270.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Landauer", with a long, sweeping underline.

Mark Landauer
Executive Director
Oregon Public Ports Association