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

I am writing to express my opposition to the Port Dredging Exemption Bill, HB 3382. HB 3382 enables major deepwater ports in Oregon to bypass essential land use and environmental regulations for the sake of fast-tracking extensive dredging and channel modification. This bill jeopardizes the health of ecologically important and sensitive waterways, and the dredging may disturb the estuaries that support development of the youngsters of many species of sea life. It could also have a negative impact on local coastal economies including oyster aquaculture, crabbing, and fishing. We cannot allow corporate interests to bypass the environmental protection laws we have worked so hard to put into place.

Please vote no on HB 3382.