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Measure: HB3382

HB 3382 sets a dangerous precedent, allowing corporate interests to fast-track development and bypass Oregon's land use laws that protect communities, ecosystems, and economies across the state. This bill threatens generations of coastal economies including fishing, aquaculture, shellfishing, recreation, and tourism. These industries depend on the health of our estuaries, which would be harmed if major ports were allowed to dredge without accountability. HB 3382 is at odds with Oregon's Climate Goals by removing critical protections for estuaries, which sequester carbon 10x more efficiently than forests and serve as the nurseries for key species. This bill cannot pass.