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Co-Chairs McLain, Gorsek and  
Members of the Joint Transportation Committee  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St., NE  
Salem, OR. 97301

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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. We appreciate the intent behind the bill, but the OPPA would like to express its opposition to SB 723.

Oregon's economy is dependent on trade, both nationally and internationally. As a matter of fact, we are one of the most trade-dependent states in the nation. And our strength comes from strong trade relationships and our reputation. And Oregon's ports play a critical role.

Our traded sector economy including our agricultural sector is dependent on a transportation system that is safe, efficient and predictable. The foundation of our supply chain is on-time delivery and many of the products that move through our ports are moved by rail. As a result, we are very concerned that the passage of this bill could potentially cause transportation delays. Any kind of delay can have cascading impacts on supply chains and could threaten Oregon's reputation, thereby threatening our ability to compete with others both nationally and internationally.

In this case, we believe critical decisions regarding crew size should be left to the railroads and the labor unions representing the crews. Following this model will promote consistency through our entire railway system and avoid potential checkerboard regulatory requirements at state borders.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J Landauer", written over a white background.

Mark J Landauer  
Oregon Public Ports Association