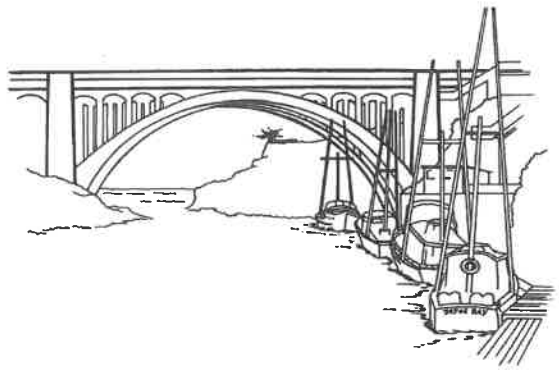


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Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Revenue

RE: Support for HB 3962-2

Honorable Representative Nancy Nathanson, Chair, and Committee Members,

The Oregon State Legislature has listened to and responded to the City of Depoe Bay's needs to sustain livability in our small community without a tax base. Our beautifully renovated harbor boasts new pilings and docks that were on the verge of failing and has been reopened—with the assistance of the generosity of ARPA funds and Oregon lottery proceeds. We are now looking for help with replacing our aging and outdated water treatment plant.

What if we were able to divert some of the revenue we receive from our TRT funds to help with this critical and life sustaining resource? We would not be coming back to plead our case—along with every other City in the State—to receive precious State general funds to build a new water treatment facility.

Please keep in mind that the thousands of visitors we host every day like to bathe and drink our water, right along with our residents. And yet, our residents will be forced to bear the burden of this estimated five million dollar project, if we are not successful in obtaining funds from our generous State budget.

Limiting visitors might be an option we will have to consider—not welcoming tourists to enjoy the Whale Watching Capital of the World.

Your constituents in Depoe Bay will be looking forward to your response to our request to support HB3962-2.

Kindest regards,

Kathy Short, Mayor
City of Depoe Bay