

BOOMER WRIGHT
STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 9



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 8, 2023

Mr. Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Vote Explanation on HB 3382 B per House Rule 3.35

Dear Mr. Chief Clerk,

I voted “yes” on House Bill 3382 B because I believe that the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay desperately needs to maintain its economic viability and competitiveness due to the special economic status it holds in my community.

I am proud to be a co-sponsor of this bill as it will allow us to conduct deep draft navigational channel improvements in a much faster and more efficient way. It will place the decision-making process in the hands of the local government which will have the ability to evaluate and make a considered decision under a narrow set of circumstances.

I had the opportunity to review all the testimonies submitted to OLIS and heard from my constituents which have expressed concern about this bill. I understand their concerns and empathize with them. However, nothing in this bill will prevent the state agencies, including the Department of Environmental Quality, to conduct oversight and review. It will not bypass Oregon’s environmental standards and it will not circumvent the land use process. HB 3382 B will only apply to Goal 16 under limited circumstances.

For these reasons stated above, I voted “yes.”

Sincerely,

Boomer Wright
Member
Oregon House of Representatives