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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
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HB 3344: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) supports this bill, which prohibits the Legislative Assembly from funding new bulk coal or oil terminals for biennium beginning July 1, 2017.

That part of the bill appears to be symbolic, since the Legislature by passing a bill cannot bind what the Legislature subsequently decides to appropriate for any purpose. An appropriation is a law, and the Legislature cannot bind itself to enact (or not enact) any particular law, without submitting to the voters an amendment to the Oregon Constitution.

But the bill contains useful provisions on Financial Responsibility Statements and the criteria to be applied when the Director of State Lands considers various permit applications or consider issuing or amending leases to facilitate the transportation of oil.

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