

**City of Portland | City Council**

Kate Snyder, *Mayor*



**To:** Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

**From:** Mayor Kate Snyder, City of Portland

**Date:** 1/25/2023

**Re:** Section C-4, Part R of LD 206

**Testimony in opposition to Section C-4, Part R of LD 206, HP127, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023**

Senators Rotundo and Chipman, Representative Sachs and Williams, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committees on Appropriations and Financial Affairs and Taxation:

I join you today to testify on behalf of the City of Portland in opposition to Part C of LD 206, HP127, An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

Section C of LD 206 proposes to re-allocate \$10,000,000 that was originally allocated to rehabilitate Portland Harbor's working waterfront and sustain an estimated \$1B in economic activity. This project would see Portland Harbor dredged for the first time in over 70 years to protect the berthing that waterfront industries need to operate, as well as the construction of a Confined Aquatic Disposal cell to responsibly store the contaminated sediment.

Dredging will stabilize losses and expand the potential of the harbor for fisheries, tourism, aquaculture, and emerging opportunities in the local, regional, and state "Blue Economy."

The project would benefit 30 private commercial properties, directly supporting dozens of businesses, hundreds of jobs, thousands of vessels, and millions of dollars in annual economic activity for decades to come.

The City of Portland urges you not to re-allocate the \$10,000,000 originally allocated for these purposes, which are vital to not just the City of Portland's economic future, but also the region and State's.

Thank you for your consideration.