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RE: Support for Senate Bill (SB 307) A Bill Prohibiting Spending State Moneys for Any New Bulk Coal Terminal Project within the County of Humboldt.

The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District (Harbor District) supports the enactment of Senator McGuire's legislation Senate Bill (SB 307): A Bill Prohibiting Spending State Moneys for Any New Bulk Coal Terminal Project within the County of Humboldt.

The Harbor District has not been in discussions with any party about establishing a bulk coal terminal in Humboldt Bay and see any effort to ship bulk coal as counterproductive to our efforts to combat and slow the root causes of climate change and sea level rise. The Harbor District is responsible for port development as well as conservation and recreation programs; our port revitalization efforts are focused on developing a new heavy lift terminal to support the emerging offshore wind industry. The Harbor District is on the front lines and regularly experiences the negative effects of climate change with the ever-increasing storm events and the slow and steady impacts from sea level rise.

The District strongly supports the Federal, State, and local efforts to cut our dependence on carbon-based sources of energy and believe that renewable energy resources such as offshore wind are the future economic drivers for the Port of Humboldt Bay, not coal exports. California has made significant progress toward a clean energy future through many programs that promote renewable energy, energy efficiency and the energy storage technologies that are needed to decarbonize its energy system. "The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018," (Senate Bill 100 De León) builds on this progress by escalating the state's renewable energy procurement requirement and makes the advancement to 100 percent clean electricity a state policy.

California will need to sustain its expansion of clean electricity generation capacity at a record-breaking rate for the next 25 years. Under most scenarios analyzed in the SB 100 report, the state will need to build, on average, 6 GW of new solar, wind and energy storage resources annually to ween away from carbon-based fuels.

The Bureau of Offshore Energy Management is in the process of leasing areas off the Humboldt and Morro Bay coastline in the fall of 2022. Clean renewable energy is our future and therefore the Harbor District supports SB 307.

Respectfully Submitted,

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