

Committee members,

My name is Kristen and I live in Multnomah County. I am writing respectfully urging you to vote no on HB 3065. This bill appears designed strategically to help freeway projects gain additional funding to expand.

Time is running out- our state was literally on fire last year. My home state of Alabama was ravaged yet again by yet another devastating hurricane around the same time. I can't even keep track of all of the climate catastrophes between and now because they are happening so often and they carry devastating weight.

The last thing we should be doing right now is expanding freeways and increasing carbon emissions, which are a huge part of why we are facing such a massive climate crisis. We need congestion pricing for our existing highways, NOT tolling. Congestion pricing discourages single use vehicular transportation and decreases traffic/carbon emissions. Tolling tends to be used to fund roadway projects and result in increasing development and transportation costs for everyone and does not decrease traffic/carbon emissions. We need to be thinking about the future. We need to take care of the quality of our air for our people, like our students at Harriet Tubman Middle School.

Please vote no on HB 3065 and support a more livable future.

Thank you for your time and service,
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