

I oppose HB3065 because I'm outraged that ODOT would receive money to expand Interstates and highways instead of investing in climate-friendly transportation. Future generations will be paying off the debts of these massive expansions for decades, not to mention paying for these projects with worse air pollution and higher carbon emissions. Despite what ODOT has falsely claimed, widening freeways never reduce congestion. ODOT should be preparing for a changing climate, addressing traffic fatalities like the multiple fatalities on 82nd Avenue in Portland, OR this month, and reducing air pollution. Prorating billions of dollars to ODOT to widen freeways will address none of these pressing problems and will exacerbate many of them. As a young person, I want a livable future, and this means not spending billions to widen freeways. Please vote no on HB3065.