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Measure: HB2098

I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now. I support the forthcoming -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with explicit pro-labor provisions, finance guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

I'm surprised to see that HB 2098's -2 Amendment currently has no language in support of unionized labor-friendly practices including the required establishment of a Project Labor Agreement or Community Benefits Agreement.

I'm concerned about what a freeway expansion means in terms of more cars, more traffic and more air pollution in North and Northeast Portland.

Are we doing the same old thing and expect a different outcome aka insanity? I hope not