

Submitter: Richard Bayer  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB2098  
Re: HB 2098,

I support replacing the I-5 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 oppose any actions that will worsen air pollution in Portland or worsen our climate catastrophe. Instead, I hope we can use money for electric buses for public transportation and for school. We also need to make public transportation free or nearly so. That way, we can get more cars off the road, relieve traffic congestion, and improve our public health.

Thank you for your consideration,

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