

Submitter: BARNEY NEWMAN
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2098
Co-Chairs McLain and Frederick and Members of the Board
Re: HB 2098 I-5 Funding

We are a medium and Heavy Truck Dealership in North Portland near I-5 and the bridge itself. This has been a huge bottleneck for decades and the time is now to support the funding so this project can be started. We also have a considerable amount of employees that commute from SW Washington daily and a commute that should take 15-20 minutes for a short drive takes 45-60 minutes plus each direction. We don't schedule appointments after 2PM in Washington during the week unless it's absolutely necessary. The amount of time of lost productivity sitting in traffic every day in both directions could be eased with this construction project. As a result of this incredible bottleneck now travelers between states are switching to I-205 and over the last several years this is a disaster as well every day. Our population growth has exceeded our regions road capabilities and improvements needs to be made. In addition to lost productivity of employees sitting in traffic-our business suffers from customers not being able to get to us at times of heavy traffic as easily so it affects our revenue stream.

We strongly urge you to fund this project.