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

I am a member of the Reed Neighborhood emergency team (which helps the community after earthquakes) so i want to see safe bridges. Lots of them. Don't waste money on an unnecessarily oversized bridge when that money can be used to fix the many unstable bridges we have in Oregon.

I am also a bike rider and an environmental activist and want Oregon to properly pursue its stated goals to REDUCE carbon emissions. We cannot build giant bridges and expect car use to decrease. We need safe bridges, but we don't need more capacity. We need lanes for transit, bikes and pedestrians, not for cars.