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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2098

Dear Joint Committee on Transportation:

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

I hate the idea of spending billions on oversized freeway projects, rather than addressing Oregon's other needs. We need excellent transit, but not a bloated bridge project.

Why does ODOT have billions for freeway expansions but nothing for any safety projects?! Oregon has an epidemic of traffic fatalities, including on streets like SE Powell, SW Hall and TV Highway

As a strong supporter of unions, I am amazed that HB 2098's -2 Amendment currently has no language in support of unionized labor-friendly practices: nothing for the required establishment of a Project Labor Agreement or Community Benefits Agreement.

The 3 amendment would provide for REAL financial oversight. Otherwise this project could bankrupt the state, as well as give seemingly unlimited approval of extending 5 miles of an unrelated freeway, expanding the Rose Quarter Freeway--all of this leading to even more air pollution--which, as a physician, is very unhealthy for our citizens..

Please support the -3 amendment.
thank you
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