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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

I oppose the -2 amendment to this bill as it stands, but would support it with the -3 amendment.

I am deeply concerned about the financial impact of this plan. I share Governor Kotek's concern about the use of general funds in particular. We certainly need a bridge replacement, but this bill is funding far more than what we need and will rob Peter to pay Paul.

I am frustrated by the committee infighting on this bill. The need is clear and they should be able to align on an approach to building a bridge replacement that serves the needs of all Oregonians, is in line with our extremely urgent need to mitigate greenhouse gas emission in Portland, and does not break the bank. None of these objectives should be controversial and I encourage the committee to align on their shared goals and work toward them directly.