

Submitter: Tim Vander Pol
On Behalf Of: Peninsula Truck Lines
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2098

My name is Tim Vander Pol with Peninsula Truck Lines. We are a Pacific Northwest Less than Truckload carrier. Peninsula has been serving the Northwest since 1951. We have 15 terminals in WA and OR to serve our customer and much of that freight moves between our Portland OR and Auburn WA facilities.

I am writing in favor of HB 2098 and its amendments. We desperately need a replacement of the I-5 bridge. The current bridge is not seismically sound. We rely on this route to deliver goods both to and from Oregon businesses and residences. The failure of this critical piece of the local infrastructure would be catastrophic to our customer that rely on us to quickly get them their product. We also see significant delays at this bottleneck that cause additional time in traffic that creates additional emissions.

As an LTL (Less than Truckload) we carry a variety of items. It could be industrial grates, malt, hospital supplies, or almost anything else you can think of. Our customers use us because we get them their goods early quickly so they can fulfill their promises to their customers.

This bill is an important first step in the process of building a new I-5 bridge and allow access to federal funds for this project.

Please support HB 2098 and its amendments.

Thank you,