

# **SUPPORT HB 2098 -2: KEEP OREGON MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

## Oregon Needs to Act Now on the I-5 Bridge Replacement Project

- Portions of the I-5 bridge are 100 years old, are not seismically sound and at risk of catastrophic failure
- The Washington State Legislature has allocated a \$1B initial investment with an anticipated match from the Oregon Legislature this session
- The state of Oregon must commit \$1B in funding towards the project to match Washington State and to take advantage of up to \$3B in one-time federal funding through the IIJA package passed by Congress in 2021
- Oregon needs to commit this money before applying for federal funds this spring

## HB 2098 -2 is a Common Sense Bill

- The leaders of the Joint Transportation Committee have proposed funding Oregon's \$1B with General Obligation (GO) Bonds
  - This will ensure we can move forward with the project, take advantage of federal funding and ensure Oregon will still be able to fund other critical transportation infrastructure projects around the state of Oregon
- The bill also sets Oregon up for successful conversations on a transportation package in 2025 to address broader concerns in Oregon's transportation system

## Protect Oregon's Open and Fair Public Contracting Process

- Section 7 of the -2 amendment emphasizes existing Oregon statute maintaining the public contracting remains open and fair to all companies, regardless of their affiliation and business model
- All Oregon and Washington contractors deserve the opportunity to bid on this once-in-a-lifetime project, and the language in Section 7 ensures that no contractors, including minority contractors, are excluded from being able to bid on the project

## Ensure Forward Progress for Oregon's Freight

- This bill recommits to the much-needed Rose Quarter project
- I-5 Bridge and Rose Quarter rank at the top #31 and #28 in top bottlenecks annually, according to the American Transportation Research Council
- Alleviating congestion is crucial, and the Rose Quarter project is the means to achieve it. Congestion not only drives up the cost of goods, but also introduces unpredictability and leads to higher emissions from both cars and trucks



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