



## Washington State Senate

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Joint Committee on Transportation  
Oregon Legislature  
900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Committee Members,

Today I offer my strong support for the Oregon Legislature's House Bill 3622, which includes funding of \$125 million for the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge replacement project in the Columbia Gorge.

During the 2023 session, the Washington State Legislature approved \$75 million in bridge funding over the next three biennia. Additionally, we are working to procure an additional \$50 million for the bridge replacement project within this same time frame, bringing the total combined funding from both states to \$250 million.

I am pleased the Oregon Legislature recognizes the imperative need for this important bridge replacement project. With narrow lanes, weight restrictions, no shoulders, difficult barge navigation, seismic vulnerability and no bike or pedestrian access, the current bridge has reached the end of its serviceable life and is not equipped to meet the long-term needs of the local communities.

The construction of a new, safe bridge will enhance the economy and resiliency of the Columbia River Gorge and will provide countless benefits to citizens on both sides of the river.

I look forward to the new Hood River Bridge being completed. Thank you, and please work to ensure Oregon's investment towards this bridge replacement project moves forward.

Sincerely,

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