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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

"I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2 and -4, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now. I support the -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, explicit pro-labor provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit. We need a clean bill focused solely on the replacement of this bridge so we secure immediate federal funding and prepare to hold hold a statewide conversations about the rest of our transportation system in future years."

I have often used the bridge, both for work in WA and travel to friends and family. It is a vital link. It should not be re-designed and built newly as 1) we are in the midst of climate changes requiring re-thinking ALL transportation options, and 2) a city-wide inability to get all the VOICES at the table in all such hugely impactful decisions. Thanks...think CONSERVE! Think HEALTHY FUTURE FOR ALL.