

Submitter: Trisha Patterson
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2098

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Frederick, Co-Vice-Chairs Boshart Davis and Boquist, and committee members,

My name is Trisha Patterson, I'm a master's student at Oregon State University studying public policy, and I am writing to express my concern about HB 2098. This sprawling bill contains some language that I support, but some that I am deeply concerned about. For example, I support the -3 amendment introduced by Rep. Kahn, and oppose the -2 and -4 amendments. I support the comments made by the Just Crossing Alliance. I want to be clear: I DO support building the interstate bridge, and recognize that this work must be done. However, I don't believe writing a blank check for \$1 Billion in General Fund bonds is responsible. Instead, an alternative could be to phase funding for this project.

Additionally, it is important to "right size" the replacement. I support an interstate bridge that is smaller than proposed, which is less polluting and more financially responsible. While a replacement for this bridge is necessary, carefully planning for the financial and environmental impacts is critical. Please ensure there are accountability measure and commit to enforcing them.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.