

Testimony Presented to the Joint Committee on Transportation In Support of HB 4110 and SB 1512

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Good evening Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McIain, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation. I am Marshall Coba representing the American Council of Engineering Companies and our 120 member firms and 5,500+ employees in support of HB 4110 and SB 1512.

ACEC-Oregon has been a strong supporter of much needed infrastructure funding for decades. Our members know first-hand the importance of proper maintenance, repair, replacement, and seismic retrofitting for aging structures across the state. We know that appropriate and timely intervention will often save needed funds later and add years to the lifecycle of an existing project. These bills are key to the continued usage of this important bridge across the Columbia River.

We strongly encourage this Joint Transportation Committee to move these bills to Ways and Means where the funds can be allocated to do the seismic analysis and bridge strengthening project for the Bridge of the Gods.

Thank you for your consideration.