



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF OREGON

Testimony Presented to the
Joint Committee on Transportation
in
Support of House Bill 2184
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Good evening Co-Chairs Representative McLain and Senator Gorsek, and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation. My name is Marshall Coba representing the American Council of Engineering Companies-Oregon. ACEC is a professional organization promoting and protecting the engineering profession with 115 member firms and more than 5,000 employees statewide. ACEC is proud to be a strong supporter of House Bill 2184 and the significant bonding investment in the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge replacement project.

Oregon infrastructure of all types needs ongoing maintenance and repair and in many cases a complete replacement. The Hood River-White Salmon project is a key regional interstate bridge that has significant importance in the efficient and safe travel for cars and trucks. The replacement of this bridge is a major commitment from both states to ensure that this bridge continues to serve its purposes well into the next century.

ACEC supports the State Treasury issuing general obligation bonds for the bridge in both of the next two biennium. This will help ensure that a modern bridge designed and built to safety standards will ensure the safe and timely movement of goods and people. This is a key economic development project and we are proud to support it for the ongoing needs of the gorge and regional needs.

We thank the Committee for your attention to this bill and ACEC-Oregon requests your support of House Bill 2184.

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