



April 1, 2025

Re: Support for HB 2184 – Replacement of the Hood River White Salmon Interstate Bridge

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain, Co-Vice Chair Starr, Co-Vice Chair Boshart Davis and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Public Ports Association represents all 23 public ports in Oregon and our members would like to express our support HB 2184 and its funding request for the replacement of the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge. The Bridge Authority and its partners including the Port of Hood River seek to protect one of the most important transportation infrastructure assets in the Columbia River Gorge and address the region's top economic development priority. This funding is critical in replacing the antiquated bridge that is a hazard to surface and maritime users. This bridge currently provides a valuable link between two regions and replacing it will not only provide benefits economically; the people who rely on this bridge for business and recreational purposes will see quality of life benefits as well.

We urge you to support the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Authority's effort to replace the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge, without Oregon's commitment this session there will be delay and increased costs associated with the replacement. The bridge's sufficiency rating score of less than 7 out of 100 is a strong indication that there is no time to waste.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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Mark J Landauer
Oregon Public Ports Association