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April 2, 2025

Dear Chair Gorsek, Chair McLain, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Klickitat County, we write in strong support of HB 2184, which advances critical funding for the Hood River – White Salmon Interstate Bridge replacement project.

This bridge is an essential transportation link between Oregon and Washington, serving as a vital corridor for commuters, freight, emergency services, and regional commerce. Thousands of Klickitat County residents depend on this crossing every day — to access jobs, healthcare, education, and markets on both sides of the Columbia River.

The aging structure is no longer sufficient for the region's long-term needs. Replacing it with a modern, seismically resilient bridge is a shared priority, and we applaud Oregon's leadership in moving this effort forward. Washington legislators are also working hard this session to fulfill their commitment to the project. HB 2184 represents a key piece of the funding puzzle and a strong signal of bipartisan, bi-state momentum.

We urge your support of HB 2184 to keep this vital project on track.

Sincerely,

CHAIRMAN, RON IHRIG
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Klickitat County, Washington