

To: members of the Joint Committee on Transportation
Re: HB2749

As a resident of the St Johns neighborhood I am writing to implore you to support this bill which addresses the urgent need for a viable emergency route for those of us who reside west of "the Cut" in the north peninsula of Portland. Without an engineered earthquake proof bridge across "the Cut". residents like me will be cut off from life sustaining goods and services in the aftermath of a catastrophic event. We will not have access to emergency services either coming in or out such as food and water resupply, repair trucks and personnel, medical support especially access to hospitals and for many of us, our family members. And in a worst case scenario, should an event create a toxic cloud from the CEI Hub, we will be trapped in an untenable environment. Our geography necessitates a prompt solution to our lack of an emergency route that can withstand a natural disaster. Please support this bill so all of us have a chance to survive the unthinkable.

Thank you for your consideration,
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