

April 13, 2025

To the Joint Committee on Transportation:

I have been a resident of St. Johns for over 12 years and a Portland resident for 25 years. As someone who works in healthcare, I am deeply concerned that an earthquake would make it impossible for me, my family, my neighbors, and all our beloved pets to get access to the help we need to survive such a catastrophic event. Not only will no one be able to get out, no one will be able to get in. If I'm at home when it happens, how will I get to work to help patients at my hospital who are affected by the disaster? If I am at work, how will I be able to get home to rescue my pets who are trapped in the rubble?

St. Johns is also positioned next to the CEI hub, which will send out toxic fumes in an earthquake, trapping those of us who are in St Johns, unable to escape the poisonous air quality. There is potential for losing lives and causing serious health concerns that will shorten our lives if we can't escape and if emergency personnel can't get to the people living here.

St. Johns is a diverse, working class neighborhood that is counting on you, with the power to represent our livelihoods, to support HB 2749.

Thank you,
Erin Neff-Minyard
St. Johns resident