

Submitter: Beverly Ferguson
On Behalf Of: Ferguson family members
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2749

My family, including myself and my husband, lives in St. Johns. We were shocked to learn, after moving to this wonderful community, that when an earthquake happens, we will very likely have bridge failures and be cut off - stranded from access to medical care, evacuation, and other necessities. Growing up in Los Angeles, I am acutely aware how suddenly and devastatingly this can happen. We have an opportunity to strengthen our infrastructure now, before this calamity happens. Please grant HB 2749 a hearing and move forward on resilience for our community. I understand budgets are being cut and there are tons of obstacles, but I have confidence that you can find a way to take positive proactive steps to shore up our weak areas. It is always cost-effective to act before emergencies happen, and will prevent death and suffering to do so now. The likelihood of a devastating event and bridge failures is too high to ignore.

Please consider this testimony in your decisions to move forward with HB 2749.

Sincerely,
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