

Submitter: Chrissie Bertsch  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB2137

Dear Co-Chair McLain, Co-Chair Gorsek and members of the Joint Committee on Transportation. My name is Chrissie Bertsch, and I am the General Manager of the Salem Convention Center who lives in West Salem.

I am here in support of HB 2137 regarding the Establishment of a Task Force for the Willamette River Bridge.

As stated, I live in West Salem and work in downtown area and there is a tremendous backlog of traffic on the existing bridges during rush hour.

Rush hour traffic creates danger when an emergency occurs on the bridge so one of the two bridges is blocked. This restricts emergency vehicle's ability to get across and slows emergency response.

Sincerely,

Chrissie Bertsch