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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 Corri Falardeau and I am the Executive Director at the Keizer Chamber of Commerce and a life long resident of Keizer Oregon. I am in support of the efforts to create a task force to further the efforts to finding a bridge solution from Keizer into the West-Salem area. It seems like the perfect time to address the idea of a bridge when the Oregon Department of Transportation will be moving forward to modernize the Brooks interchange. I support the idea of having bridge access to cross that far north, it would help to relieve a lot of congestion on the Marion St. Bridge. I also believe that having a bridge in the Keizer area would allow for more folks to cross over for a more convenient shopping trip to Keizer Station or for my fellow Keizerites to visit and patron businesses across the river more regularly which would increase commerce within several communities. Furthermore, tackling this issue now will be far better than 5-10 years in the future when roads and bridges are suffering even more and to allow folks who are traveling for fun to bypass city traffic. This should not be looked at as a specific city issue. Offer people an opportunity to travel in a more functional way and there will be relief on our roads, in drivers, and in our pocket books. Thank you for your time.

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