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I support replacing this bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now. I support the forthcoming -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with explicit pro-labor provisions, finance guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

It is crucial that infrastructure investments—particularly in the state of Oregon—exemplify diverse transportation solutions and enable mass transit options. The only way to fight traffic and gridlock is to make non-car options more attractive, while at the same time keeping infrastructure safe and up to standard.