

Submitter: Stephanie Noll
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB2098

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Frederick, Co-Vice-Chairs Boshart Davis and Boquist, and committee members,

My name is Stephanie Noll. I live in North Portland three blocks from the I5 corridor, and have two children who attend Ockley Green Middle School, just one block from the highway.

I support replacing the I-5 bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes an appropriately sized project that addresses climate, safety, and equity goals. I do support the -3 amendment that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward with explicit pro-labor and community benefits provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

We need a bridge replacement project with improved transit options and improved bike and pedestrian connections that not only serve commuters, but connect our community to the substantial network of bike and pedestrian trails on both sides of the river.

We do not need a major highway expansion that flies in the face of our climate goals and eats up precious transportation funding better spent on saving lives, improving transit, and improving our bike and pedestrian network for the health of our communities.

I support a smaller bridge design that is less polluting and more financially responsible.

Thank you,

Stephanie Noll