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Please support HB 2098 and the -2 amendment.

Heavy traffic congestion occurs every day for a lengthy amount of time on the current I-5 bridge over the Columbia River. Oregon agriculture uses the bridge to transport agricultural products. In 2022 some of the \$2.85 billion in exported agricultural products that left Oregon used the I-5 bridge. Some of the agricultural products moved across the bridge are highly perishable – traffic that moves along in a timely manner is essential as are well designed, safe roads. Equipment and other critical agricultural infrastructure are also delivered via the interstate bridge.

Please take advantage of this great opportunity to use federal funds to increase the capacity of the bridge. An upgraded and safer transportation system will benefit businesses, including agriculture, and interstate commerce along the entire I-5 corridor up and down the West Coast.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2098 and the -2 amendment.