

Submitter: Brian Ettlting
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 Brian Ettlting. When my wife and I moved to northeast Portland six years ago in February 2017, we learned two things:

1. The daily rush hour grid lock traffic that jams our roads leading to the I-205 and the I-5 bridges horrified us. Let's rethink how we do our traffic infrastructure in the north Portland area.
2. A friend told me that she drives very fast across the I-5 bridge. She is scared the bridge is structurally unsafe, especially when that big earthquake eventually happens.

Thus, I strongly support replacing the I-5 bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2 and -4 amendments. This current bill with those amendments jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement, right now.

I support the -3 amendment that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with explicit pro-labor and community benefits provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

- o Please No Blank Check for ODOT for \$1B general fund bonds. We want Phase project funding.
- o We want to build our communities while building this bridge, No to Section 7: Please ensure this project invests in good local and union jobs, apprenticeships, and environmental justice, while secures community benefits for North Portland.
- o No Freeway Expansions: Direct IBR to explore smaller bridge design options and choose a plan that is less polluting and more financially responsible.
- o No Fiscal Free-for-all: Refresh and recommit to financial safeguards and accountability measures in existing law.

I urge the committee to please consider the -3 amendment from Representative Khanh Pham's office that addresses all these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Ettlting