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Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

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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 -3 Amendment (and the policy recommendations offered by the Just Crossing Alliance) that ensures this replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, explicit pro-labor provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

Thought needs to be given to the continued need for money available for safety projects throughout the state, as well as how an oversized bridge will just increase traffic and contribute to worsening our current climate emergency!