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Measure: HB2098

I support a right-sized Interstate Bridge replacement and therefore I oppose HB 2098 -2. HB 2098 -2 is the most fiscally irresponsible legislation in recent Oregon history. It would allow ODOT to start the IBR and I-5 Rose Quarter projects, committing the state - including the General Fund - to billions of costs without any assurance of full funding of the projects. ODOT has shown intent to build a project that is climate vandalism, too large, too expensive and likely to experience huge cost overruns - and a significant probability that the project never gets completed. The -3 Amendment and the policies promoted by the Just Crossing Alliance would ensure that the bridge replacement project - right-sized, with the necessary labor provisions and financial guardrails - can actually be completed.