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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. Expanding highways does not help with congestion. This is common knowledge among transportation agencies so I am not sure why ODOT is pushing a bridge expansion. Build a right-sized bridge replacement to ensure we have a seismic-safe bridge to Washington with transit options to incentivize people to get out of their cars.