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I support replacing the Interstate bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2, because this legislation as currently written jeopardizes a right-sized Bridge Replacement. I support the -3 Amendment that ensures the replacement bridge project moves forward smoothly with a right-sized design, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

I am concerned that increasing the size of the bridge will require freeway expansions that will negatively impact vulnerable people living in North and Northeast Portland with more traffic and more air pollution. Freeway expansion is only a temporary fix for congestion, as traffic will increase to fill any new capacity. We do not need more cars on the road, especially with global warming. Instead, I would like to use resources for improving public transportation both locally and statewide.

The -3 Amendment to HB 2098 will ensure that we have an Interstate bridge that benefits our future.