

Submitter: Steven Brown

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

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. As an Oregon taxpayer and concerned citizen of the planet I am respectfully requesting to ODOT to evaluate all options with respect to reducing the long term environmental impact of the Columbia crossing to ensure the project does not result in increased transportation related carbon dioxide emissions. Alternative forms of transportation should be evaluated and selected that support Oregon and Washington environmental goals (e.g. greater emphasis on mass transit versus personal car and commercial truck use).