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I support replacing the Columbia River Interstate 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.

We should not mortgage the state's future to commit even further to fiscally and environmentally unsustainable car infrastructure. Adding more freeway lanes only generates more traffic, pollution, and danger for pedestrians and cyclists. ODOT must instead prioritize safety improvements to its network of orphan highways and invest in expanding passenger rail, basic bus service, and other public transportation options for the 1 in 4 Oregonians who cannot or do not drive a car.