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On Behalf Of:
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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.

I live in North Portland in the Overlook neighborhood, very close to I-5. We do not want to see increased traffic on I-5. We care both for the health us and our kids, but also for the entire North Portland I-5 corridor, where many children live close to the freeway, and are impacted by pollution and noise.

An oversized bridge will induce traffic, getting us right back to bottlenecks. Fix the bridge, but don't add lanes!!!! A light rail line, and/or a better bike lane to Vancouver would be great, but mostly, don't add lanes!!!! For now and for the future.

Thank you,
Wendie Siverts