

Submitter: Sam Balto  
On Behalf Of: My children  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB2098

Hi,

I am supporting HB 2098-3 AMENDMENT and opposing -2 amendment. I am a public school teacher, father of two young children, a passionate Safe Routes to School advocate and leader of the world famous Alameda Bike Bus. If I had a dollar every time I heard someone say "how are we going to pay for that?" when an idea is presented to fund housing for the homeless, smaller class sizes, increase teacher pay, fund safe streets, more frequent TriMet service, high speed rail to Seattle and so on. Well I would be a rich person. This bridge will bankrupt our state for decades to come and create another generation of passionate forward thinking individuals who will have to hear "how will we pay for that?". Please understand I want the bridge to be updated but not at the size and expense our leaders have proposed.

Thank you,

Sam Balto