

Submitter: Jim Labbe

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure: HB2098

Dear Co-Chairs McLain and Frederick, Co-Vice-Chairs Boshart Davis and Boquist, and committee members,

My name is Jim Labbe, I live in North Portland with my family. I am writing to oppose HB 2098 as it is currently written.

I support replacing the I-5 bridge, but oppose HB 2098 -2 and -4 because this legislation as currently written would jeopardize a right-sized bridge replacement, right now. The -3 amendment is an impressive step forward in addressing these concerns. I encourage the committee to build on this progress and pass a bill that ensures the project moves forward smoothly with explicit pro-labor and community benefits provisions, financial guardrails, and major investments in mass transit.

A right-size bridge replacement project will replace the existing number of lanes and expand the non-SOV alternatives (bike, ped, rail). If we expand freeway capacity more than we are expanding the alternatives we are losing ground on climate and a more balanced, human-scale transportation system

Sincerely

Jim Labbe