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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation  
Measure: HB2098

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Daniel Frye, I live in Northeast Portland, and I am a retired physicist and software executive.

I write today in opposition to HB 2098-2 and HB 2098-4. I support replacing the current deficient I-5 bridge with a seismically resilient bridge as rapidly as possible, but both of the -2 & -4 amendments have fatal flaws that many have pointed out. I support HB 2098-3 as a significantly improved amendment that is clearly on the right path to a right-sized bridge that is climate-friendly, equitable, and affordable. I support HB 2098-2's approach of using the minimum amount of general obligation bonds that lock in our path to federal financial assistance and strongly oppose the amendments that offer up an unnecessarily large amount of general obligation bonds. I also support HB 2098-2's of ensuring that a majority of Oregon's contributions to the bridge come out of the pool of funds reserved for transportation and not out of the general obligation bonds where they would dramatically decrease our ability to spend more solving our homelessness and education crises (among others).

Please reject the -2, & -4 amendments and support a right-sized -3 amendment.

Thank you Co-Chairs McLain and Frederick, Co-Vice Chairs Boshart Davis and Boquist, and committee members for your thoughtful consideration of Oregon's path forward.

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