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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 44



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 25, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on House Bill 5005A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I voted no on House Bill 5005A because I am concerned with the state obligating 1 billion dollars in general obligation bonds to the I-5 bridge replacement project without a bridge design being selected or commitment from ODOT to stay within budget. Additionally, I have had multiple constituents reach out to me with a variety of concerns about the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project. There is a lack of trust of ODOT in HD 44 that does not seem to be improving. Furthermore, I would like to see a commitment to ensuring that there will be community benefits agreements that will benefit Oregon residents who are most impacted by the construction of a new interstate bridge, prior to the legislature committing 1 billion in general obligation bonds to the project.

Sincerely,

State Representative Travis Nelson
House District 44, North/NE Portland

