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Energizing **Our Movement**  
WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE FUNDING OF THE HOOD RIVER–WHITE SALMON  
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**  
RESOLUTION #2024.04

WHEREAS, the existing Hood River–White Salmon Bridge was first built in 1924 for an era of horse-drawn carriages, Model Ts, and moving livestock across; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge cannot keep up with modern needs of ever-increasing interstate commerce and tractor-trailers in both directions; and

WHEREAS, the existing grate structure of the driving surface allows for any foreign objects or liquids to free-fall into the Columbia River below, of unknown environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge foundations were built in soils that are prone to liquefaction during an earthquake; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge has no bicycle or pedestrian access, nor does it allow for larger RVs, forcing all to cross at one of the two nearest bridges, each over 20 miles away; and

WHEREAS, the existing bridge’s narrow river navigation opening between piers, paired with a complex river flow at that location, makes for frequent rubs with passing barges; and

WHEREAS, in light of the need for a new, safer, wider, seismically-rated, tourism-encouraging, more accessible, and more traversable bridge, the Washington and Oregon Legislatures passed SSB 5558 and EHB 4089 to create the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority (HRWSBA) to take on the task of design and construction of a suitable replacement and demolition of the existing bridge; and

WHEREAS, thanks to \$214M in Federal funds, \$25M from Oregon, and \$80M from Washington, the HRWSBA is in the final stages of site survey and design but needs the last \$100M from Oregon and \$45M from Washington to make construction a reality; and

WHEREAS, the HRWSBA has secured Coast Guard Approval; and

WHEREAS, the HRWSBA also has support from The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla, The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, The Nez Perce Tribe, and The Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Nation thanks to close coordination and respect of traditional fishing areas, where sacred artifacts have been found, and more; and

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WHEREAS, the HRWSBA has signed an MOU with the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council that there will be a PLA/CBA on the project; and

WHEREAS, we can all find inspiration in the hundreds of direct and indirect jobs for diverse local workers to provide for their families, the opportunities that will exist for apprentices to learn their craft, the economic development that will occur during and especially after the project, and the opportunity to show an area with low union-density what being union is all about; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the WSLC will work with affiliates and other stakeholders to secure the last \$45M of funding in the 2025 Washington Legislative Session.