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Not the first time Whisnant has submitted a bill w/o knowing all the facts. He did this on the Pine Forest project in our area a few years ago. A lobbyist wrote the bill and he had not read it. He got hammered.  
Monte

Sent from my iPhone

On May 6, 2017, at 7:59 PM, Sue Cavanaugh <[civilsue@yahoo.com](mailto:civilsue@yahoo.com)> wrote:

From what I understand, Whisnant did not do his due diligence before introducing the bill. He didn't realize the the Upper Deschutes Conservation Council was actually just 12 homeowners on the west side of the river. I think he realizes his screw-up but don't count on him to back off. I'll send him my opinion.

Sue

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Friends

You probably have seen articles about the proposed footbridge across the Deschutes River, south of Bend. This is planned just south of our neighborhood, River Rim, and we are strongly in favor of getting it done. Unfortunately a small group of large property owners on the west side of the river (the so-called Upper Deschutes Conservation Council) talked State representative Whisnant into blocking the bridge by introducing

House Bill 2027, so they wouldn't have to see people walking close to their property on the river trail. How ridiculous! There are other issues, of course, that Parks and Rec will deal with, given the opportunity. To us, the overriding benefit of trail access along the river for all of Bend, is reason enough to continue with this project, and to hear all sides of the issue. Please join us in sending your opinion to Representative Whisnant at [senr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov](mailto:senr.exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov). Thank you for your interest and support.

Ray and Brigitte Taylor