Dear Senate Committee:

My husband and I are residents of Bend, OR. We strongly oppose the language added by State Rep. Whisnant to State Bill 2027.

Bend needs to do a better job of providing access to trails, etc. to the residents on the east side of the Deschutes. The proposed bridge will do just that.

We are avid hikers, walkers, bird-watchers and bike riders. This bill would detract from all of these activities.

We also feel that Rep. Whisnant "tricked" the residents of Bend and the BPRD by sneaking this language into Bill 2027. That is a horrible way to be a leader to his constituents. He is pandering to a few opponents of the bridge that live nearby the proposed bridge site.

Please accept our testimony and stop House Bill 2027.

Sincerely, Jeanne & Jeff Reaves Bend, OR