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I am a resident of Deschutes County speaking out in opposition to the House Bill 2027. If enacted the bill would kill the plan to build a footbridge crossing the Deschutes River south of Bend linking the trails on the east side of the river to trails on the west side. The greater Bend area is admired nationally for its trails and as a destination for many to recreate here. The local residents are also blessed with a trails advocacy group such as the Bend Parks and Recreation District who has worked tirelessly to join the east side trails with the west side making for a continuous trail system.

The efforts of Rep. Gene Whisnunt in bringing this bill before the committee is short sighted and narrow in focus as it seems to stem from a small group of property owners near the proposed trailhead and does permanent damage to the efforts to broaden trail access for thousands of citizens and visitors.

I urge you to not support this bill and allow for future efforts to continue by the Bend Parks and Recreation District to build a much needed footbridge in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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