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It has come to my attention that a legislative measure has been introduced which would abort the proposed construction of a footbridge crossing the Deschutes River south of Bend. This seems contrary to the statewide efforts to increase the recreation trails resources of Oregon which benefits residents and visitors alike, and generates economic benefits to the host community.

I am familiar with this proposal having served as general manager of the Bend Metro Parks and Recreation District a number of years ago. Currently I serve as a member of the Historic Columbia River Highway Advisory Committee (as a Governor appointee) which seeks to reconnect the historic highway route from Troutdale to The Dalles as a recreation trail. It is nearing completion at significant public investment because it will provide numerous benefits to Oregonians just as the proposed bridge over the Deschutes River.

There should be no legislative obstacles to preventing this bridge from being built. Hands off and feet forward !

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