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Gentlemen, it is my sincere hope that you will pay close attention to the metamorphosis of House Bill 2027. One of your cohorts, Gene Whisnant, has completely changed the intent and the wording of the bill to include a ban on a proposed foot bridge over the Deschutes River in Bend. Mr. Whisnant has done this to circumvent public comment and due process from playing out in the decision making process of this proposed bridge. While I happen to think that the bridge would be a great addition to the Deschutes River Trail system, I find it appalling that one legislator has the right and the ability to close the curtain on the public process and make the decision all by himself! This bridge is the missing link for completing a long time goal of connecting Sunriver and Bend with a scenic bike and pedestrian trail along the east side of the river. While it is true that there is there is a trail (of sorts) on the west side of the river, it meanders away from the river and parallels Century Drive into town and most of the trail on the east side will be very near the river. The bridge would also close a trail loop from Farewell Park, in the Old Mill District, that would allow riders, walkers and joggers a path up the east side of the river and back to the park on the west side.

I urge you to not allow the underhanded politics of Gene Whisnant to make this decision for the people ... and more importantly, I urge you to take a long hard look at your current rules and procedures that allowed this to happen in the first place.

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