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To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Concerning: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2027

My wife and I live near the Deschutes River just below where the Bend Park & Recreation District has proposed a foot bridge to connect Bend's east side and west side trail systems. The proposed foot bridge would provide an opportunity for increased citizen access to the river system without the long drive from one side of town to the other. Similarly, a foot bridge across the Deschutes River above the Old Mill District is widely used by locals to access the beauty and serenity along the river. This has added significantly to local quality of life as well as being an attraction for visitors. The additional bridge up river will enhance river access as the trail system ties together further up river between Bend and Sunriver. We believe that whenever possible it is important to use local, established processes to make community decisions. For these reasons we strongly oppose House Bill 2027.

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