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I support Oregon House Bill 2027 banning a Deschutes River pedestrian bridge within segments of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway. The rules specific to the Upper Deschutes State Scenic Waterway prohibit bridges and HB Bill 2027 would close the loophole of not requiring compliance with the state waterway's administrative rules. Contrary to Bend Park & Rec's contention, there are already means for pedestrians/bikers to access both sides of the river and reason to build a bridge in this pristine stretch of river. If they want to build a bridge, they should site it outside of the scenic waterway.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Bend, Oregon and NOT a landowner adjacent to the proposed bridge construction