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Chairman Dembrow, and Committee Members,

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I support HB2027, which prohibits person, public body or local service district from constructing bridges on the Deschutes River within certain segments of Deschutes Scenic Waterway.

The issue is Bend Parks and Recreation District desiring to overturn rules regarding Oregon's Scenic Waterways protections that were established in 1970 by constructing a walking and bike bridge across the Deschutes River. There have been several editorials and My Nickels Worth submissions from concerned citizens both pro and con on this matter.

Those opposing the bridge point out that it is not permitted under present rules. They rightly point out that it will disrupts wildlife, inter alia, ospreys, beavers, otters, bald eagles, herons, waterfowl, deer and elk. There is not an existing road at the proposed site for the bridge. I have been told that a proponent for the bridge stated in words to the effect that opponents cannot offer evidence that heavy equipment would be required to build the bridge. Really, how is it going to get there?

Having attended meetings hosted by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department regarding the Upper Deschutes State and Scenic Waterway and reading statements in favor of the bridge come down to this bottom line, they want "convenient and easy access" to the west side of the river from the east. Congress established the National and Scenic Rivers System in 1968. The Oregon Scenic Waterways Act of 1970 further supported the need to preserve "outstanding remarkable, free flowing rivers," and "improve and protect an environment they love, and want to pass on to generations to come." As current plans show It is enigma to me how a bridge with an adjacent parking lot would meet the spirit and intent of policy established by Congress and the state of Oregon.

Should the senate decide to turn down HB2027 you must be prepared for what will be the next challenge to the Deschutes River and other scenic waterways.

Very respectfully,

Mike Brock