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(This submittal corrects typo in bill's number and Chair's name ; please use this version. Thank you.)

Dear Chair Dembrow and members of Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I realize the twin truisms of "All Politics Are Local" and "Money Is The Mother's Milk of Politics" are validated by the appearance of HB 2027. This bill runs counter to decades of a public planning process by Bend Park and Recreation Department (BPRD), a 2012 public vote on bonds for BPRD projects, including a bike/ped bridge across the Deschutes River, and the favorable results of public on-line surveys by BPRD about a bike/ped bridge.

What we have now is a bill introduced by a representative not from the legislative district where the bridge would be built. The bike/ped bridge opposition appears to come from those who built lavish homes abutting or adjacent to the river they suddenly wish to keep pristine. Bachelor View, Sunrise Village, River Bend Estates, and Braeburn are simply classic Not In My Backyard (NIMBY).

This hyper-special interest legislation should be quashed. Bend needs better east-west connectivity for bicyclists and pedestrians. Think of all 80,000+ Bend residents and not just a few handfuls of self-entitled "I've Got Mine" hypocrites. Thank you.

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