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Honorable Members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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Dear Members, I am writing today to express my opinion and request that House Bill 2027, as written, be opposed. It has been brought to my attention that this Bill would end the progress that our beloved Bend Parks & Recreation District has made in developing and connecting the Deschutes River Trail system from Sunriver to Tumalo.

A majority (88%) of residence in Bend had overwhelmingly approved the 2012 Bond measure that included the connectivity of this trail....and a survey that was conducted in 2014 that residents also approved of and re-affirmed the desire to complete this trail.

I am a frequent hiker in this part of the Deschutes water shed. Without this bridge, I, along with many neighbors, friends and Bend residence are needlessly driving 10-15 miles to get on the west side of the river. This obviously will eliminate traffic and congestion on the road ways.

By preventing House Bill 2027 will allow the entire community to way in and participate in the decision-making process and not be derailed by a small group of homeowners under the guise of "The Upper Deschutes Conservation Council". Please do not let this process be circumvented and vote NO on House Bill 2027.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Brian R. Isaacson