

Members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Members,

I am writing to you today to let you know that I am in opposition to House Bill 2027. Specifically, the following Summary:

Prohibits person, public body or local service district from constructing bridge on Deschutes River within certain segments of Deschutes Scenic Waterway. “

I, along with family and friends have enjoyed the Deschutes River waterway. Hiking and snow shoeing along the river, watching the water falls, wild life and standing in the cool water are many of the benefits of having this tremendous resource available to us.

Unfortunately, I live on the East side of the river, and like many Bend residence would prefer to see a bridge built connecting the east side to the adjacent Deschutes National Forest property and trails. The main benefit of a pedestrian bridge would include reduced traffic and congestion driving to the west side of the river, easy accessibility from the east side and completion of the connectivity goal that has been supported by the public, dating back into the 1980's.

I urge you to oppose House Bill 2027 and to vote NO!

Thank you for your consideration,

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