

**Corrected**

**HB 2027 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**Carrier:** Rep. Whisnant

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**Action Date:** 04/18/17  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments and rescind subsequent referral to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 8-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 8 - Barreto, Clem, Esquivel, McKeown, McLain, Power, Smith DB, Witt  
**Exc:** 1 - Sprenger  
**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits construction of bridge within designated areas of Deschutes Scenic Waterway.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Deschutes River state and federal scenic waterway
- Rules for reviewing proposed development
- Bridge proposal through City of Bend Parks and Recreation Department

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure. Prohibits construction of bridge within designated areas of Deschutes Scenic Waterway.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregonians voted in 1970 to establish the Scenic Waterways Program to balance waterway protection and use through cooperation between federal, state, and local agencies as well as individual property owners and those who recreate along a waterway. ORS 390.835 declares that the highest and best uses of the waters within scenic waterways are recreation, fish and wildlife uses and directs that the free-flowing character of these waters be maintained in quantities necessary for these uses. The program is administered by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and currently includes approximately 1,200 miles on 22 waterways.

House Bill 2027A prohibits the construction of any bridge within designated areas of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway.