

HB 2027 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Carrier: Sen. Baertschiger Jr
Minority Report

Action Date: 06/01/17

Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill. Minority

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

Report Signers: Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., Sen. Alan Olsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits construction of bridge on specified segments of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- State Scenic Waterways Program
- Trail development
- Local process regarding footbridge
- Deschutes River recreational use

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and currently includes approximately 1,200 miles on 22 waterways.

House Bill 2027A would prohibit the construction of a bridge on the Deschutes Scenic Waterway in specified river segments.