

**HB 2027 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Sen. Dembrow

**Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources**

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**Action Date:** 06/01/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

**Vote:** 3-2-0-0

**Yeas:** 3 - Dembrow, Prozanski, Roblan

**Nays:** 2 - Baertschiger Jr, Olsen

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits construction of bridge crossing the segment of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway beginning at City of Bend urban growth boundary at river mile 172 and extending downstream one mile. Allows construction of pedestrian or bicycle bridge crossing the segment of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway beginning at City of Bend urban growth boundary at river mile 172 and extending upstream approximately 520 feet.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**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 and currently includes approximately 1,200 miles on 22 waterways.

House Bill 2027B would prohibit the construction of a bridge crossing the Deschutes Scenic Waterway in a specified river segment located within the City of Bend urban growth boundary and allow the construction of a pedestrian or foot bridge crossing a segment of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway located within 520 feet upstream of the urban growth boundary.