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House Committee on Agriculture and National Resources Representative Brian Clem, Chair  
900 Court Street, NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Clem, Vice-Chairs McLain and Sprenger and members of the  
Committee:

I urge you to dismiss and not forward HB 4029. It would serve the desires of a few against the needs of many who live on the east side of the Deschutes River in Bend.

As expressed by Bend Parks and Recreation,"HB 4029 is in conflict with the Bend Transportation System Plan, the Deschutes Greenway Study, and the Bend Park and Recreation District's Trail Plan. These plans have been in place for at least two decades. The Deschutes National Forest Alternative Transportation Plan further supports the bridge if environmental concerns can be addressed. All of these plans call for a bridge to connect southern Bend to the Deschutes National Forest in the same location that the District board has proposed the bridge to be located". These plans were done knowing that design and environmental concerns related to Scenic Waterways and other requirements would need to be addressed before construction.

The plans express the desires and needs of the people of Bend prepared over many years of planning, agency coordination, and public input. HB 4029 would be an end run to negate years of planning to serve the people of Bend.

Sincerely,  
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