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To the Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources:

I am OPPOSED to House Bill 4029. As a homeowner in the RiverRim subdivision, my husband and I are greatly impacted by access to nearby access to the Deschutes River.

Since our move to Bend from California in 2006, we have come to enjoy the natural environment that surrounds us and appreciate the opportunity to access these natural resources. Constructing a footbridge across the river as proposed would provide us with better/increased access and the opportunity to more fully enjoy our natural environment. Not constructing a footbridge will only continue to increase the amount of foot traffic on the already-established river trail. Those of us who live in the southern part of Bend are currently forced to go north on the river trail, crossing at the one bridge located south of the Bill Healy bridge. Constructing a southernmost footbridge as proposed would provide additional space for the inevitable human population to spread out to more fully and individually enjoy the outdoors.

Given research and human interest and benefits in the outdoors, providing an additional footbridge further south as proposed will provide humans the opportunity to more fully realize health benefits including physical, mental, spiritual, and emotional effects of the outdoors.

Please stop this bill from further consideration by voting NO. It must NOT receive further consideration. From my perspective, the majority of LOCAL VOICES do NOT support this bill and instead WANT the footbridge!

Sincerely,

Linda Crossman