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Testimony by email in OPPOSITION to HB 4029.

As a long-time resident of Bend I strongly OPPOSE HB 4029. Thousands of residents, including myself, regularly enjoy the Deschutes River Trail. It's ultimate connection from Tumalo to Sunriver has been the recreational and environmental enjoyment vision of the county for years.. and is greatly supported by the majority of residents as indicated by BPRD polls and the bond measure funding vote in 2012. A connected trail has been part of County and City transportation plans for years.

This measure removes and countermands that local evaluation and decision process. Under the banner of the state river protection it ignores the fact that the relevant section of the Deschutes is ALREADY WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO THE BEND UGB. It is still beautiful, but it is an urban river now in this stretch. And this is a FOOTBRIDGE proposal only.

Importantly, killing 4029 will allow the LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION process to continue.

Respectfully,

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Resident of Bend