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To All Concerned,

I am a homeowner in River Rim, Bend who lives close to our Park District's proposed footbridge over the Deschutes River.

I would respectfully ask that you vote NO on this bill. Barring that, please consider tabling this bill for now to give time for further discussion and input on ways to proceed with a footbridge in a way that has no impact on the environment. Our Parks District is interested in conducting just such a study. Any future footbridge is years if not decades away in the making, so there is absolutely no reason to proceed hastily with this rash, poorly thought through bill.

As you must be aware, once the State Legislature passes a bill, it becomes virtually immutable. Example in point is the current Land Use law. This law requires all communities to fit a single mold. What works for a Portland or Eugene is a bad fit for communities like Bend where more than a third of the population is retirement age, many with existing or future bad knees or other disabilities. To limit their homesite choices to lots too small for a single story home means stairs to climb. All this when the area surrounding our city boundary is empty for many miles.

Please don't pass another poorly thought out bill.

Respectfully,
Terry Crandall