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To: HAGNR Exhibits
Subject: NO on HB 4029 - Deschutes Footbridge

I am a resident of Bend and an avid user of all stretches of the Deschutes River Trails. I am urging you to vote 'No' on HB 4029 for the following reasons:

1. All of the trails are heavily used, some sections more than others due to their accessibility. The proposed foot bridge will make much longer sections accessible and alleviate and spread out the foot traffic in the higher use areas, ultimately protecting a the entire stretch of river with trails.
2. The trails are already there - the footbridge will connect trails that are already in use. Currently, hikers on the east side of the river must drive several miles to access these trails. The footbridge access will alleviate environmental effects of vehicular transportation.
3. I have watched the creation and growth of the Deschutes River Trail over the years and celebrate each uninterrupted section that is achieved. Being able to walk along miles of the river is the best part of living in Central Oregon. Contrary to the fear of the bill's proponents, my time along the Deschutes River Trail has made me much more sensitive and appreciative of its natural beauty, not abusive of it. I believe I am not alone in the effect of the trail system.

Sincerely,

Peggy Frede, Bend Resident