

Dear members of the Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources,

Cutting to the chase: **I urge your support for HB 4029.**

I'm a 15yr resident of Bend, and very active in the outdoor recreation, conservation, and agricultural communities. I value the Deschutes River, dependent surrounding wildlife habitat, and the river's 'health' in central Oregon.

Without question, the Deschutes River is the lifeblood of this area. With the extensive influx of residents and tourists, the river and immediately surrounding area is strained, very significantly.

In just 15yrs, my concern has gone from almost none to alarming.

Another bridge would be highly detrimental on just about every axis.

This is a designated Wild and Scenic river - as has been concluded many times in the recent past -by almost every agency and concerned, informed group - no new bridge is the only rational solution.

Thank you for your consideration,

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