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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Opposed to House Bill 2027 re Deschutes River Bridge Blocked
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Dear Senate Committee Members:

I have read in the Bend Bulletin of the bill introduced by State Rep. Gene Whisnant to oppose a trail bridge across the Deschutes River.

I am opposed to the state legislature sponsoring such legislation without public hearings or more public input.

This is clearly a special interest bill, sponsored by a small group of citizens who don't want a public facility (trail and bridge) in their back yard.

The bridge and trail have been planned by the Bend Parks and Rec Department, with public input and public meetings.

This public process has now have been bypassed by a few individuals who don't want this in their "back yard."

I suggest you pull the bridge portion of the bill and have public meetings to see what the folks who live and visit Bend and would use the bridge have to say.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Jeff Sims