



Chairman Brad Witt and the House Committee on Natural Resources,

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As Commissioners of the Port of Cascade Locks, we would like to thank the Chair and all the members of this Committee for hearing this testimony on HB3378 the Bike, Pedestrian and Equestrian path over the Bridge of the Gods. This request is before you today because the Pacific Crest Trail has a right of way over the Bridge of the Gods. As bike and pedestrian crossings have increased dramatically, numbering in the thousands, competing with vehicular traffic is becoming a very serious safety issue for sightseers, hikers, and local citizens. The Port of Cascade Locks Commission welcomes a resolution to this safety issue and agrees to allow the path to be built on a side of the Bridge of the Gods for safe passage across. The Port has scoped the pathway and the funds from this Bill will allow for planning and design of the structure. Once designed, the construction of the new trail path will be funded by the Federal Lands Access Grant (FLAP).

Thanks you, all, for your consideration

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