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Dear Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

I urge your support for House Bill 4029, which would better protect the Deschutes River. The Deschutes is currently designated as both a State Scenic Waterway and a Federal Wild and Scenic River. Proposed developments including a potential bridge would require weakening of those river and public land protections. I am very concerned about any weakening of public land protections and the precedent it would set.

The existing administrative rule - OAR 736-040-0073 - was put in place more than 20 years ago, and the legislature should uphold the intent by adopting HB 4029 and ensuring this stretch of river can be protected for many more years.

A bridge on this stretch of the upper Deschutes River would be detrimental to habitat in the river corridor that is home to spotted frogs, bald eagles, golden eagles, elk, cougar, mule deer, owls, beaver, otters and more. Increased disturbance in the river corridor would be harmful to these animals and their habitat.

Please vote in favor of HB 4029.  
Thank you.  
Cynthia Eckhoff