

Chair Clem and Members of the Committee,

HB 4029 should be an unnecessary bill. It seeks to use the legislative process to implement a one location ban on a project that circumvents the laws and rules (both Oregon and Federal) applicable to a potential project.

The section of the Deschutes River covered by HB 4029 is already named as a State Scenic Waterway and Federal Wild and Scenic River. This would place any project under existing requirements of the regulations and processes for waterways that are designated under these laws. This site should be no different from any other project in Oregon that is contemplated for a river that is recognized as a State Scenic Waterway and Federal Wild and Scenic River.

My hope is the Committee will see HB 4029 as an attempt to bypass existing laws and regulations using the legislative process and encourage the drafters of this bill to stop using the legislative process for this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration.

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