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On Behalf Of: Newport Trail Stewards  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB1576

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the committee,

I am submitting this testimony as president of the Newport Trail Stewards. Our group builds and maintains multi-use recreational hiking and mountain biking trails in Lincoln County. We rely on the generosity of land owners and managers to use their lands to build trails on. Without recreational immunity we would not be able to build trails and open up these lands to the public. Our trails increase tourism and have economic benefits for the Central Oregon Coast. The forests around Newport are home to three mountain bike races, several trail running events, disc golf tournaments, and the practice grounds for our youth mountain biking team.

Please fix the recreational immunity law so we can continue providing outdoor recreational opportunities for our community.

Sincerely,  
William Black  
President, Newport Trail Stewards