

Submitter: Tina Noble  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB1576

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

RE: Support for -3 Recreational Immunity Fix Amendment to SB 1576

My name is Tina Noble and I am writing from Oceanside, Oregon. I would like to see the Oregon legislature implement an immediate fix to Oregon's Recreational Immunity that appears to have become threatened through recent legal decisions.

My family and I frequently enjoy use of trails that are located in the North Oregon Coast and Coastal Range public spaces or that are made accessible to the public by landowners. By these routes we enjoy access to ocean beaches and wilderness areas – the very reason we are here. We love walking down to the waterfall area at Short Beach as well as using the unimproved trail from downtown Oceanside to the upper neighborhoods during our walks. After visiting other coastal states where there is no public beach access, we decided to make Oregon our home for these reasons.

All our use of trails enhances our appreciation for our community, our neighbors, and our natural resources. Any move in the direction of restricting access to trails is a huge mistake in my opinion.

Please pass SB 1576-3 with language that clearly restores recreational immunity for public and private landowners and clearly applies to both improved and unimproved trails. This bill provides a critical emergency fix, and I'm also eager to see a permanent fix to provide landowners with the assurance they need to plan for future recreation access.

I'm grateful for your work with the committee on this important and urgent bill.

Sincerely,  
Tina Noble  
Oceanside, Oregon