

Submitter: Fred Betz
On Behalf Of: Myself and spouse
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

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

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

My name is Fred Betz and on behalf of my wife and myself, I urge you to amend SB 1576 to ensure trails and related facilities remain open to the public.

We are avid mountain bikers, hikers, and cross-country skiers. We recognize the social, environmental, and health value of trails and these activities. Accidents happen but it is the responsibility of the user to ensure their own safety and to not take unreasonable risks. It is imperative that you act promptly during this session to fix to Oregon's Recreational Immunity law.

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.

Thank you for listening and I look forward to your prompt action on this important matter.

Sincerely,
Fred Betz