

Submitter: Michele McKay  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: SB1576

Judiciary House Committee,

Please bring SB 1576 A, the recreational immunity bill, to a hearing. I hope it will continue on and pass into law.

As a 35 year resident and outdoor-lover in Central Oregon, I'm well aware of the importance of recreational immunity to the private and public land owners, parks services, and land trusts who open their lands to the public through trail easements or other allowances.

The benefits that trails and access to nature and outdoor recreation provide to individuals and communities are numerous and diverse: physical fitness, health and mental health benefits, connection to and appreciation for nature, economic benefits to communities and businesses, outdoor recreation for visitors and residents, community connections, and safe walking and biking systems. Additionally, improved trails help protect sensitive wildlife habitat by directing the public away from these areas.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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