

Submitter: John Murray
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Wallan, and members of the committee:
As owners and operators of Willamette Pass Ski Area, Mountain Capital Partners (MCP) encourages the Judiciary Committee to pass SB 1576A. My name is J.R. Murray, Chief Planning Officer for MCP. I oversee ski area development, planning and government affairs for ten ski areas in the western United States including Willamette Pass Ski Area. Most of our resorts operate on public land and are issued a Special Use Permit by the US Forest Service. We need certain levels of predictability when it comes to liability and risk management in the five states we operate. The current status in Oregon creates risks we do not have in other states. It is important to provide recreational opportunities on public and private land which requires some level of protection from frivolous lawsuits for incidents that most people would acknowledge are simply inherent risks of outdoor activities.

Please pass SB 1576A to restore recreational immunity for public and private landowners and to both improved and unimproved trails to keep our community trails open and keep trail improvement projects on track.

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Oregon who enjoy wonderful opportunities to recreate in the outdoors.

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