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To: House Committee on the Judiciary  
From: Fran Recht, City Councilor, Depoe Bay, Oregon

Please Support Recreational Immunity Protections -- SB 1576A

Chair Kropf and Members of the Committee:

I am a member of the City Council of Depoe Bay. Our City has been advised by our insurance agent to close trails and public access points that provide access to our ocean and harbor waterfront. Such trails make Depoe Bay the place that locals enjoy and visitors cherish for recreation.

This advise is due to the Court of Appeals decision in Fields vs. City of Newport that could result in liability and greatly increased insurance costs for our City.

I hope you will support of SB 1576A during this short session. It is a bill that would temporarily restore recreational immunity protections for public and private land open for recreational opportunities this summer.

Sincerely,

Fran Recht  
Depoe Bay, Oregon