

Submitter: Kelsey Ward
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Wallan, and members of the committee:

I am writing in strong support of SB 1576A.

I am an avid trail runner, cyclist, and backpacker. Trails on public and private land surrounding my hometown of Corvallis, OR are essential to my physical and mental well being. I am also a cross country coach at a local middle school. Once a week, we bring 75 10-12 year olds on a trail run to a different local park/trail system. It is incredible to see a love of nature being sparked in the next generation. We ALL, young and old, need to have access to trails in perpetuity.

I want to see a fix to Oregon's recreational immunity law in 2024 that clearly provides protections for all land managers that open their lands to the public for recreation free of charge and that clearly applies to both improved and unimproved trails.

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.

Sincerely,
Kelsey Ward