

Submitter: Natalie Harvey
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: SB1576

To whom it may concern,

This is Natalie Harvey and I am an avid trail runner who highly values being able to recreate outdoors. I ask you to please pass SB 1576A to restore recreational immunity for public and private landowners!

Trail running and hiking is a critical part of my life. It brings me solitude, a sense of community, and overall supports my mental health. I feel incredibly privileged to live in the Pacific Northwest and to have access to trails within minutes of my home. I am passionate about taking care of these areas and have the utmost respect for them.

Many other people feel the same about these trails! Each year OSU Research Forests receives 155,000 uses! Each year volunteers do 4,000 hours of volunteer trailwork in OSURF to maintain and improve the local trail system!

These trails are a huge asset to the local community, but can only exist if local landowners allow recreation. As landowners have lost the protection of recreational immunity, it is becoming difficult for them to leave their lands open to the public.

Please pass SB1576A to protect landowners so they can continue to allow the public to recreate on their lands.

Thank you Representative Rayfield! I appreciate you listening to the public and representing us.

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