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House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade
Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE
Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 3140 Relating to recreation; declaring an emergency

Chair Nguyen and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Bicycle Racing Association (OBRA) sanctions nearly 200 bicycle races each year. As part of this sanctioning, OBRA provides low cost liability insurance to race organizers throughout the state of Oregon. In 2021 our liability insurance carrier dropped us and just this year, our insurer decided to not offer insurance for sports and recreation in the state of Oregon. Luckily, we have been able to find a new insurer but our premiums have risen significantly.

I am proud of the work that OBRA does in providing accessible and affordable events to enhance the lifestyle of Oregonians. Our philosophy is one of inclusiveness.

I am writing to you in support of HB 3140. Oregon needs to establish a balanced approach between personal responsibility and business accountability like all other western states.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 3140.

Sincerely,

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