



February 14, 2025

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:

We are a local family business who have owned and operated the Downtown Athletic Club in Eugene, Oregon for almost 40 years. Over the decades, we have helped thousands of Oregonians accomplish their health and wellness goals by providing them a high-quality location and the expertise needed for improved performance.

We make our community healthier and employ best practices with everything we do. Not having the support from the State of Oregon regarding liability waiver policy aligning with all other peer states, does not feel good and leaves us open to unfair liability exposure when we are following all the rules. The trickledown effect has also increased our insurance premiums because the insurance companies predict more lawsuits as a result. This policy isn't equitable.

Getting back to a common sense and balanced approach is needed here, where personal responsibility and business responsibility is fairly represented. This is how it works in all other western states.

Thank you for spending time improving this policy and I hope we can move the policy back to a more moderate position.

Sincerely,

Rob Bennett
Downtown Athletic Club and Oregon Health and Fitness Alliance