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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:

My name is Sean Lerner, and I own and operate Eastern Wheelworks, a bike shop in La Grande, Oregon. I am writing to express my support for HB3140. Mountain bike rentals are an important part of our business as cycle tourism is continues to grow in our region. With the current law however, liability insurance costs are making it increasingly difficult to offer our rental fleet. We maintain our rental fleet and carry good insurance so that no rider has to worry about the bike causing them trouble, but mountain biking is inherently risky. We should not be held liable for those inherent risks.

I encourage you to bring Oregon law in-line with the rest of the west so that we can offer quality outdoor recreation experiences. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important bill.

Sincerely,

Sean Lerner

Owner