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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small
Business, and Trade

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3140

Dear Chair Nguyen, Vice Chairs Diehl and Isadore, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Chelsea Taylor, and I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3140. Recent court rulings have effectively nullified Oregon's liability waivers, threatening the accessibility and affordability of recreation and fitness opportunities across our state. This issue deeply concerns me, as someone who has built a career in recreation and land management.

These rulings unjustly impact Oregon businesses, forcing them to pay significantly higher liability insurance costs—often exceeding those of other western states. As a result, recreation providers, including guides, outfitters, and nonprofit program providers, must either raise program costs or eliminate opportunities altogether. Outdoor and recreation professions make up over 3% of the jobs in the state of Oregon and over 80% of all Oregonians recreate.

Beyond harming individual businesses, this issue also discourages future recreation investments and places even greater strain on existing outdoor spaces. Addressing this challenge is critical to maintaining and expanding Oregon's outdoor recreation economy.

I urge you to support HB 3140 to restore fairness, protect recreation access, and ensure a thriving outdoor industry in our state.

Sincerely,
Chelsea Taylor