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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small

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Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

HB3140

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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:

As a Board member of the non profit Mt Ashland Ski Area, I want to thank you for holding this hearing on HB3140. I believe that the organizations that offer recreational opportunities for Oregonians are at risk of going out of business due to liability risk from ordinary negligence claims. We have seen our insurance cost increase over 80% in the last 3 years. It is time for Oregon to establish a balanced approach between personal responsibility and business accountability like all other Western states. I encourage passage of HB3140 which will allow a study and a report to be done on the liability issues facing the recreation industry in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Ray Mallette

Mt. Ashland Association