

February 17, 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:

I am writing to strongly express my support for Oregon House Bill 3140, which addresses a critical need for a balanced approach between personal responsibility and business accountability within Oregon's recreation and fitness industries.

House Bill 3140 allows operators of fitness and recreational activities to require participants to waive certain legal claims, specifically those related to ordinary negligence. This provision is crucial for aligning our state's regulations with those of other Western states, thereby ensuring competitive equality and fostering a more sustainable business environment for our local recreation and fitness industries.

The declaration of an emergency within the bill underscores the urgent need to protect these industries from escalating liability insurance premiums, a consequence of court rulings that have rendered liability waivers ineffective.

Oregon continues to claim it supports small businesses and entrepreneurs, but you continue to get in the way of great work to allow our communities, towns, and state to grow. By supporting House Bill 3140, we can help safeguard Oregon's businesses, promote economic growth, save jobs, small businesses, and encourage more vibrant recreational opportunities for our community. I urge you to support this bill and ensure the continued health and vitality of Oregon's recreation and fitness sectors.

Sincerely,



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