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Senate Committee on Judiciary
Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 179 Pass a lasting fix to recreational immunity

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee:

Oregon has a bounty of wonderful trails for everyone to enjoy & though as a business we do not utilize public trails directly at this time, we have become a trusted hub where tourists & locals alike come to us for our knowledge of the trails in the area. We have considered adding guided conveyance on trails to our offered activities but the current liability situation in Oregon has caused us to postpone expanding our available activities to the public at large.

SB 179 would remove the sunset for recreational immunity protections for cities, counties, and government agencies that allow public access to their land for recreation. As currently written, this bill currently removes the sunset from the current law. I urge you to extend the increased level of immunity in Section 1 of the bill to private landowners who open their land to the public free of charge. Trails in Oregon provide more than just recreation, also providing transportation facilities, both of which are covered under the law. Subjective intent is clearly an issue here.

Please reconsider for the sake of everyone's enjoyment & utilization of outdoor spaces & for the economic impact of Oregon's recreation.

Sincerely,

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Owner, Operator