



February 18, 2025

Re: Support for HB3140

Dear Chair Ngyuen, Vice-Chair Diehl, Vice-Chair Isadore, and members of the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade:

At Outdoor School, Oregon students in fifth or sixth grade leave their school classrooms, moving into the outdoors to learn, immersed in nature, and led by skilled educators. Friends of Outdoor School is the key connection between Outdoor School and the larger community of individuals, businesses, community organizations, and government agencies that support Oregon's statewide Outdoor School system. Our purpose is to connect, support, and advocate for all of Oregon's diverse students to learn at inclusive and accessible Outdoor School programs that contribute to educational development, inspire youth, promote personal growth, and embrace justice.

We are writing in support of House Bill 3140. Outdoor School transforms recreational camps or parks into a living laboratory where students are immersed in nature, often overnight. It is imperative that Outdoor School's non-profit and small business camps and program providers are able to afford insurance to offer these seminal experiences to Oregon youth.

Please join other Western states to establish a balanced approach to personal responsibility and business accountability so that Oregon camps and program providers may continue to afford to offer Outdoor School to Oregon students. Thank you for supporting House Bill 3140.

Sincerely,

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