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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 Kendra Perkins, and I am a resident of Bend, Oregon, as well as a marketing professional working within the outdoor industry. I am writing in support of House Bill 3140, which I believe is crucial for both our local businesses and the recreation community that thrives here in Central Oregon.

I grew up in Maine, where recreational immunity laws are in place. Without those protections, I wouldn't have had access to the countless outdoor spaces I enjoyed as a child and young adult and that shaped me into the outdoor industry professional I am today. I understand firsthand how critical it is to have legal protections that allow landowners to share their land and businesses to share their facilities without fear of financial consequences.

Here in Central Oregon, we face similar pressures. Local businesses and landowners are forced to consider shutting down or relocating to states with fewer financial and bureaucratic burdens. Others may need to pass those increased costs on to consumers, like me, which would make outdoor recreation even less affordable and accessible for everyone.

HB 3140 offers an important solution by helping alleviate these financial pressures and protect both businesses and consumers. Supporting this bill is not only vital for our local economy but also for ensuring that future generations can enjoy the outdoor experiences that have shaped my life and career.

I encourage lawmakers to support HB 3140 so that we can continue to enjoy the beautiful outdoor spaces in Bend and across Oregon without the risk of driving local businesses out or making outdoor activities unaffordable for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kendra Perkins
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