



**PROTECT OREGON
RECREATION**

HB 3140: Liability Waiver Reform for Oregon Recreation and Fitness

PROBLEM

Recent court rulings have effectively nullified liability waivers, raised costs, and limited access to recreation and fitness in Oregon

Among other impacts, recreation and fitness providers face higher liability insurance costs forcing them to raise prices, limit opportunities, or close. Rising costs disproportionately impact small businesses, low-income populations, and underserved communities.

Multiple insurers have already left Oregon and rising costs deter businesses from expanding or locating here.

Without reform, we risk losing the tremendous societal and economic benefits recreation and fitness provide.

SOLUTION

Liability Waiver Reform will provide the following benefits for recreation in Oregon



Businesses will remain accountable for grossly negligent behavior



Preserve recreation opportunities for Oregonians



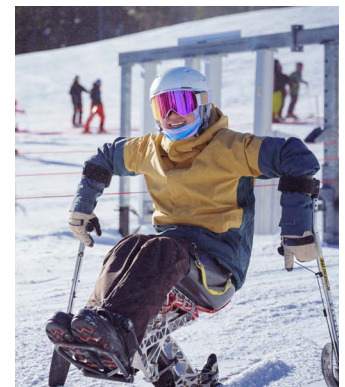
Keep recreation and fitness affordable, especially for low-income Oregonians



Protect vital jobs, local economies, and tax revenue



Balance consumer protections with all other Western states



**Oregon
Recreation
Impact**

195,000

jobs supported

850,000

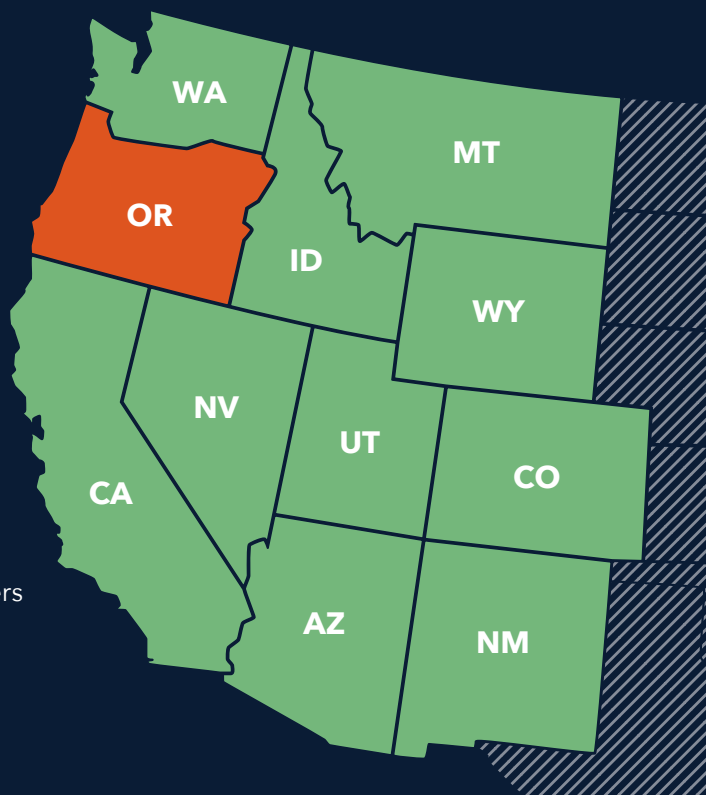
Oregonians use fitness facilities to exercise

\$1B

in state tax revenue

Oregon's liability waiver standard is out of balance

To preserve recreational opportunities and prevent skyrocketing costs, Oregon needs to re-align with the same protections that exist in every other Western state.



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Western States and Court Enforcement of Liability Waivers

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Partners

Our supporters include user groups and consumer advocates, non-profits, local businesses, and recreation and fitness providers. We believe recreation and fitness are essential to the livelihood, physical and mental health of ALL Oregonians.

Providers struggle with other issues including inflation, employee shortages, and the impacts of climate change.

We need lawmakers' support to survive long-term. Liability reform is an essential first step in protecting recreation opportunities for all Oregonians.



See our full list of partners at www.protectoregonrec.org/partners



Sources: Oregon Governor's Task Force on the Outdoors, Oregon Office of Outdoor Recreation; IHRSA Health Club Consumer Report Study, 2019; Outdoor Industry Association, Oregon Fact Sheet
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