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On Behalf Of: Arrowhead River Adventures
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,

I am writing to formally express my support for HB 3140.

Oregon's vast public lands are one of our state's greatest assets, offering diverse recreational opportunities for both residents and tourists. The long-standing tradition of guided experiences on these lands is vital to our state's identity and economy. However, this tradition can only continue if liability protections for guides and outfitters are maintained.

As a newer member of the Oregon outfitter community, I have witnessed firsthand the dramatic increases in liability insurance costs over the past few years. This creates significant challenges for planning and conducting business. The fear of frivolous lawsuits stifles innovation, drives up insurance rates, and increases the cost of guided recreation, potentially making it inaccessible to some.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kyle Drake