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Hi,

I have participated in 100's of Oregon sporting events over the past 21 years (mostly cycling) and as a participant I fully support HB3140. I think it will help preserve and expand opportunities for Oregonians to participate in events that enrich lives, promote physical fitness and increase appreciation of Oregon's amazing public and private lands. As an attorney I understand the risk/reward tradeoff of allowing ordinary negligence waivers. However, I believe there will remain plenty of incentive for promoters to keep their events as safe as possible. And the fact is that there is risk in every endeavor, particularly sporting events. It is part of what makes them so attractive to the participants. So keeping the costs down by helping manage liability risk for the promoters in this way is reasonable. And I hope it will bring Ski Bowl back into the game, as their cycling events were world class before litigation caused them to shut down.

Thanks,

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