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I attended the public hearing today on HB 3140 and it struck me that most of the testimony given that opposed the bill did so on the basis of incidents that were not ordinary negligence. I heard many instances of gross negligence and some that were even criminal, but not ordinary. The tragedies that caused much of the opposition testimony and the liability of the operators involved would not have been altered by the bill as it is written.

I support HB 3140, as it allows Oregon to continue to thrive as a destination for small companies who operate risky recreation business. I am an amateur bike racer in Oregon. Without the insurance that is provided by OBRA, insurance that is apparently increasingly difficult to obtain, race promoters would not put on races or would do so in an increasingly risky way (ie without insurance). It's important to let Oregon thrive as a recreation destination alongside other Western states.