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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

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SB179

I am a volunteer trail maintenance crew leader and trail caretaker (steward) with the Pacific Crest Trail Association in Oregon and Washington. Recreational Immunity is critically important to maintain easements over (or adjacent to) private land.

Landowner reluctance to expose themselves to liability is understandable in the absence of such protections.

Please also consider:

1. Extend the increased level of immunity in Section 1 of the bill to private landowners who open their land to the public free of charge
2. Clarify more strongly that trails that serve dual purpose as both recreation and transportation facilities are covered under the law; address the problem of subjective intent

Trail recreation also brings a strong economic benefit to rural areas in spending on services and food.

Thank you for your consideration.