

Submitter: Arthur Turlak

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB179

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the committee,

I am an avid outdoorsperson, using outdoor spaces, both publicly owned, and privately owned, to recreate. I volunteer many hours a year to supporting, building, and maintaining public trails through my association with the Sisters Trails Alliance (STA), Central Oregon Trails Alliance (COTA), and the Cascade Volunteers.

Outdoor recreation is a huge economic driver for many rural communities, especially as extractive industries wane. Help those communities "harvest" smiles and experiences, by easing the risk for landowners who allow users access to their land, whether that's for hiking, cycling, hunting, or other outdoor pursuits.

I fully support SB179 making the temporary changes permanent.

Additionally, I'd like to see the bill amended to:

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

Thank you.

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