



June 12, 2025

Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Oregon State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 1196 Relating to recreation; declaring an emergency

Chair Meek and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Hackett, and I am the Executive Director of Travel Southern Oregon, the state's official Regional DMO for Southern Oregon. In support of the many outdoor recreation businesses, from river guides to ski areas to mountain bike guides, that help define Southern Oregon as a premiere outdoor recreation destination, please accept this letter of support for SB 1196.

The economic impact that our outdoor recreation partners provide is significant, and I have heard from many operators that the looming threat of liability insurance and culpability due to Oregon's currently unsupportive legal environment is very real. I deeply appreciate your efforts to consider SB 1196, and I urge you to support its passage to support our outdoor recreation partners across the state. The letter does not need to be long, even one paragraph can be impactful

Sincerely,

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