

To Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and members of the committee,

My name is Brandon Durham and I'm with Row River Expeditions. I strongly support the Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act of 2026 (ORCA) - SB1593.

I help run a non-profit organization focused on providing guided, therapeutic outdoor recreation activities to first responders and educators that go above and beyond to enhance our community through their sacrifices to public service. We also provide a variety of youth outdoor education opportunities.

Being able to help make these services available to the people of our community is vital to educating them on the resources we have available to help support healthy mental and physical lifestyles as well as garner appreciation for the resources while sharing and enjoying them respectfully and responsibly.

The lack of enforceable waivers increases our costs, lowers wages, and affects our ability to connect as many people to these activities while making our operations less affordable. I believe that ORCA is a simple and balanced solution that is already proven to work in every other western state and would align us with our surrounding states and federal government.

I believe that the state should conduct an economic study to better quantify Oregon's largest and sustainable outdoor industry.

Thank you very much for championing this bill. I am excited to continue to make our amazing resources more accessible and enjoyable to everyone involved.

Respectfully,

Brandon Durham  
Row River Expeditions