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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Commerce and General  
Government

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1593

Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Peter Gillies and I am a Portland resident and small business owner.

I am writing in support of SB 1593 because Oregon's recreation economy and outdoor culture are vital to our state's identity and local businesses.

Outdoor recreation providers operate in environments that naturally involve risk.

Reasonable liability waivers help ensure that these businesses can continue operating while still maintaining responsibility for safety and proper management.

Over the past decade, legal uncertainty has contributed to rising insurance costs and has created challenges for recreation operators, particularly smaller and seasonal businesses. These increased costs can limit access to recreation opportunities and negatively impact tourism and local economies.

SB 1593 provides clarity and balance. It supports recreation providers while still holding operators accountable for negligence beyond ordinary risk. This helps protect Oregon's outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Gillies

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