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Senator Mark Meek, Chair
900 Court St. NE, S-417
Salem, OR 97301

RE: LOC Support for SB 1593

Chair Meek, and members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government,

The League of Oregon Cities represents 241 incorporated cities geographically dispersed throughout Oregon's diverse landscape. Oregon cities cherish the opportunity to provide safe recreational opportunities for people who live in their cities, and for those who travel to recreate in Oregon cities. Thank you for the opportunity to share the Leagues support for SB 1593.

It is not uncommon for cities to sponsor or offer recreational opportunities and programs seeking to enrich the lives of those who live in Oregon cities, and who can safely participate. Cities offer PE in the Park, mountain bike clinics, fun-runs, festivals, and wildlife viewing excursions to name a few. These are generally considered safe activities under normal circumstances but do carry an inherent element of risk that is important to identify with participants. To manage risk, cities utilize general liability waivers that are reviewed and signed by participants. General liability waivers present city employees with an opportunity to converse with participants about potential risks and talk about safety protocols that lead to successful excursions.

Codifying the legitimacy of recreation general liability waivers gives cities confidence to continue offering recreational programs without the fear of unreasonable liability claims. We believe SB1593 provides the security that cities need to continue providing safe and fun opportunities to recreate across Oregon.

Thank you,

Greg Miller
League of Oregon Cities