

Feb. 9, 2026



Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of The Intertwine Alliance, I am writing in support of SB 1593 and asking you to support an amendment to include youth waivers signed by a parent or guardian.

SB 1593's proposed changes to Oregon's waiver enforceability would reduce costs, create greater certainty for small organizations, and protect access and opportunity for outdoor recreation lovers and stewardship volunteers alike.

The Intertwine Alliance is the Portland region's coalition of 85 public, private and nonprofit partners building and protecting a healthy system of parks, trails, greenspace and access to nature. Reasonable liability laws that are more in line with our neighboring states are important to ensuring access to nature for all communities.

Please amend the bill to include youth waivers. We place high value on families recreating and participating in stewardship activities together.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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