

**Oregon State Legislature**  
**Senate Committee on Commerce and General Government**  
**RE: Support for SB 1593**

Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to urge your support for **SB 1593**, which would recognize liability waivers as an admissible legal defense in Oregon.

Oregon is currently the only western state that does not recognize these waivers, creating significant challenges for recreation-based businesses across the state—including outfitters, guides, event operators, and other outdoor service providers. Without this legal protection, many businesses are facing sharply rising insurance premiums, reduced coverage options, or the loss of insurance altogether.

These pressures fall hardest on small businesses. Some have been forced to scale back services, while others have closed entirely. Inevitably, these increased costs are passed on to consumers, making recreational opportunities more expensive and less accessible for families and visitors.

Outdoor recreation is a cornerstone of Oregon's tourism economy and a defining part of our quality of life. Rising liability exposure and escalating operating costs threaten the affordability of experiences that Oregonians and visitors rely on—from weekend adventures to family-friendly outings. This trend undermines both local businesses and the broader visitor economy that supports communities across the state.

Oregon offers an exceptional range of year-round recreational opportunities. Aligning our liability framework with that of other Western states would help stabilize insurance markets, support small recreation businesses, and preserve access to safe, affordable outdoor experiences for families.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage you to vote **yes** on SB 1593.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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