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On Behalf Of:

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Government

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RE: SB 1593 SUPPORT

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

My name is Tom Armstrong. I am an outdoor enthusiast that enjoys all that Oregon's outdoors has to offer. As part of those experiences, I hire guides for fishing, rafting, hunting and rafting.

Oregon needs a balanced liability policy to support our outdoor businesses. The lack of enforceable waivers threatens these businesses that are integral part of our outdoor culture. The loss of these businesses will increase costs, limit access, and make it harder to enjoy Oregon's outdoors.

Waivers are a very normal and widely accepted practice. SB 1593 will bring Oregon back into alignment with other western states and federal policy.

The legislature doesn't need to overcomplicate things. Just bring back a sensible and reasonable use of waivers to let our outdoor businesses thrive.

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