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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Commerce and General
Government

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1593

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

I am writing in support of SB 1593.

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.

ORCA is a simple and balanced solution that is already proven to work and is what every other Western state already does (and Oregon used to do). This legislation, if passed would bring us in line with the states around us and with the federal government.

Over the past decade, I have seen almost every aspect of outdoor recreation negatively impacted by the rising costs of insurance and the ongoing fear of liability in cases where they thought they were protected. I cannot emphasize enough that these changes will not put participants at risk, but will ease the operational burden many outfitters in the state face. Please support this bill and liability waiver reform in Oregon.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.