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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government
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Topic:

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

I am writing in support of SB 1593 with an amendment to include youth waivers signed by a parent or guardian. As a nonprofit, volunteer organization maintaining 200 miles of non-motorized trails in the Sisters Ranger District of the Deschutes National Forest, Sisters Trails Alliance has recently been dropped by our insurance underwriter of many years due, in part, to Oregon's recreation liability laws.

SB1593 will improve insurability for volunteer organizations like ours and reduce liability risk for nonprofit organizations and small businesses who offer outdoor recreation and stewardship of our public lands.

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.

Please support SB 1593 with an amendment to include youth waivers, as we place high value on families recreating and participating in stewardship activities together.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

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