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House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Room 453
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 1593 – Relating to recreation; declaring an emergency

Members of the Committee,

My name is Nathan Watt, and I am writing in support of SB 1593. I have worked in the outdoor recreation industry for more than 15 years, and during that time I have seen the cost of insurance become one of the greatest financial burdens facing small businesses.

Most outdoor recreation companies are family-owned and operate on thin margins. While they may not generate large profits, they provide invaluable outdoor experiences that create lifelong memories for their customers. In an increasingly technology-driven world, these businesses play a critical role in reconnecting people with nature.

By passing SB 1593, the legislature can help protect small business owners and their employees by relieving a significant financial strain. Outdoor recreation is one of Oregon's greatest assets, and the people who rely on this industry for their livelihoods deserve support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Nathan Watt