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On Behalf Of: Oregon Equestrian Trails  
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1517

Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Committee,

We are writing today to share our opposition to SB 1517.

Oregon Equestrian Trails is an all-volunteer nonprofit dedicated to maintaining trails on public land. Our members volunteer their time to clear downed logs, cut back brush, and repair tread to keep our trails open for all Oregonians. We want to see Oregon waiver laws in line with neighboring states, allowing waivers to be enforced and improving insurability and reducing liability risk for nonprofit organizations like us who increase access and volunteerism in the outdoors.

We are concerned that SB 1517 and its proposed amendments do not address the liability risk or insurance issues of conservation and stewardship-related organizations and continue to expose our organization to an untenable level of liability risk.

We hope for your support for a different path forward for more balanced Oregon law regarding recreation waivers.

Thank you,

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