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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1517

I am writing to respectfully urge you to oppose SB 1517 as amended by either the -6 or the -7 amendments.

As an employee, active member in the outdoor community, and massive supporter of Oregon's recreation and fitness community, I remain concerned that SB 1517 -6 or -7 does not solve the insurance crisis facing providers across the state. The amendments, while representing an improvement, still fail to provide the clarity and predictability insurers need to re-enter or remain in Oregon. No other state does what this proposal seeks. Over the past years, I have witnessed my local resorts struggle with legislation that does not benefit the industry and resorts. My employer, and only local ski shop to the Eugene Springfield area, is feeling the effects. Increased insurance rates and insurance precautions are no longer protecting the members of our rental community and customer base, as well as our shop from being closed down. This would cause a huge loss in our community and perpetuate the lack of outdoor communities and recreation availability.

SB1593 on the other hand, has overwhelming bipartisan support, will address the recreational insurance crisis, and is already further along in the process.

Please refocus your efforts to support SB1593!