

Submitter:

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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 -7 amendments.

As an Oregon fishing guide and small business owner whose livelihood depends on safe and accessible recreation, I remain deeply concerned that SB 1517 -6 or -7 does not resolve the insurance challenges facing outfitters and guides across the state. While the amendments attempt to improve the bill, they still fail to provide the clarity and legal certainty insurers need in order to confidently write or continue policies in Oregon. Quite simply, the proposal does not align with how other Western states handle recreational liability, and that uncertainty continues to hurt small operators like myself.

Access to affordable liability coverage is critical to keeping my guide business viable. Without meaningful reform, premiums will remain unpredictable and carriers will continue to hesitate or exit the market altogether. That instability directly affects my ability to operate, serve clients, and contribute to Oregon's outdoor economy.

In contrast, SB 1593 has strong bipartisan support, directly addresses the recreational insurance crisis, and is already further along in the legislative process. It restores balance and brings Oregon back in line with neighboring states, providing the consistency insurers need and businesses like mine depend on.

I respectfully ask that you refocus your efforts on supporting SB 1593.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Greg Hedrick