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On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: Senate Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1517
Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and Members of the Senate Committee On Judiciary
Subject: Opposition to SB 1517.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I would like to express my opposition to this bill. I encourage you to kill it in Committee. If you can't kill it there- please oppose it with your floor vote.

A number of people and entities whose livelihoods and local economies depend heavily or entirely upon physically hazardous recreational pursuits have expressed opposition to this bill. Please hear their wisdom, and act upon their recommendations. Some of them are telling us that SB 1593 is a better starting point for legislation that provides a balance between responsibility of the operators of services and businesses and their clients- individuals who have made a choice to participate in activities where they can sustain damages, injuries, and sometimes even death. Risky activities often add spice to life, and should be allowed to continue with prudent safeguards and reasonable acceptance/sharing of responsibility for consequences.

Again, I encourage you to kill 2026 HB 1517.

Thank you.

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