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On Behalf Of:

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I am a founding member of the Northwest Ski Club Council, which has been involved in organized skiing since 1979 and has 25 member clubs in Oregon and Washington and thousands of members who ski our Oregon ski areas and engage in other outdoor sports year round.

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

As a 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. If nothing is done to solve this crisis, with only one insurance company in the state currently willing to insure our ski areas at rates significantly higher and the ski areas facing the double whammy of the worst snow season in decades, Oregon may LOSE its ski areas.

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.

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!