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On Behalf Of: SB1517
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1517

I oppose SB1517 The Oregon Legislature needs to declare that liability waivers are enforceable as a matter of public policy. And it needs to happen this session. As a member of a Nordic Ski club and an a Touring kayaking club, this bill would severely limit the ability for clubs to afford insurance and would limit the number of activities the club can host. The clubs provide a vital link for people of all ages and incomes to opportunity to safely and responsibly to enjoy the outdoors. Enjoyment of the outdoors is essential to being an Oregonian. I also support a number of environmental organizations who host recreational and restoration events, such as Tualatin Riverkeepers and Columbia Slough Watershed Council. The bill would negatively impact these organizations. These organizations, and others like them, rely on broad public participation in the events to encourage appreciation of our natural spaces and to protect, restore and preserve what we value as Oregonians. Please work to bring Oregon into alignment with other western states regarding liability waivers by voting no on SB1517.