



## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

February 27, 2026

House Committee on Rules  
900 Court St. NE,  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Opposition to SB 1517

Dear Chair Bowman and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Lake Oswego, I am writing to express our concerns regarding SB 1517. As a full-service local government, we have the honor to have a comprehensive Parks and Recreation Department. Our department provides recreational and outdoor programs not only for our Lake Oswego community, but the surrounding Portland-Metro region. We manage 645 acres of park land, trails, athletic fields, and recreational and enrichment facilities, such as the Adult Community Center, Teen Lounge, Tennis Center, and the recently opened Lake Oswego Recreation & Aquatic Center. We also host cultural events, Farmers' Markets, youth camps, and many other programs focused on building community connections. Our department's mission is to provide excellence in building community, enriching lives, and caring for the urban and natural environment.

However, our ability to offer diverse programming relies on a stable and clear recreational liability framework. As a member of the Oregon Recreation and Park Association, we have been advocating for improvements to recreational liability waivers to make them more meaningful and relevant to the activities we offer.

We have been pleased that multiple bills have taken this issue on. We are incredibly supportive of SB 1593, which includes all types of recreation and makes waivers available to minors so youth can participate in recreational activities with their families or pursue their own passions with their parents' permission.

SB 1517 has a similar framework for activities and youth, but unfortunately, the exceptions beginning in Section 1(3) complicate, confuse, and contradict the intent of the bill. The Senate passed SB 1517 with the acknowledgement that more work is needed. Please continue working on this important issue.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring Oregonians of all ages have access to safe, enriching recreational opportunities.

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Respect. Excellence. Trust. Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a long horizontal stroke that tapers to the right.

Jeff Munro  
Parks & Recreation Director  
City of Lake Oswego