



TO: House Rules Committee  
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RE: Need to Amend SB 1517A – *Verbal Testimony*

The Oregon Recreation and Park Association (ORPA) includes your city, county and special district parks agencies, and more than 2,000 professionals and volunteers - many of them provided written testimony opposing SB 1517A as written.

ORPA strongly supports changes to ORS that will provide liability protections for recreational providers in our state. SB 1517 with amendments has the potential to do just that.

The -A11 or -A15 amendments are crucial for ensuring that parks, camps, and outdoor programs as well as recreation centers and pools can continue to offer safe and engaging activities for Oregonians.

These changes will make the waivers we use have legal standing in a changing environment. Allow me to provide some examples...

Chair Bowman – The City of Tigard Parks requires waivers to be signed for the Spring Break Days Camp this month.

Vice Chair Elmer – Yamhill County Parks and Rec’s Family Night Out this month includes a waiver agreement for registration.

Vice Chair Pham – Registering for Hillsboro Parks and Rec Ohana Teen Night last week likely required a parental waiver as outlined in their agency FAQ.

Representative Grayber – Tualatin Hills Park and Rec has a Big Truck Day this summer that requires waivers, as do park shelter rentals and youth weight room activities.

Representative Kropf – Bend Parks and Recreation District is having a St. Patrick’s Day dance this month that requires signed waivers, as do all other registered activities such as curling, hockey, ice skating, softball, swimming classes, yoga, hiking trips, and buying a rec center pass for fitness.

Representative Skarlatos – Charles Stanton Park in Canyonville has a Hold Harmless agreement required for all events at the park.

Rep. Wallan – This coming weekend, Medford Parks is hosting 40 teams for a youth baseball tournament which requires waivers for participants.

Representatives, your local parks and rec agencies urge you to support the -A11 or -A15 amendments to SB 1517.