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To: The Oregon State House Committee on Housing and Human Services
From: Dave Bertz, Director of Operations, Camp Tadmor, Lebanon OR
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Re: Testimony in Support of HB 3292

Chair Keny-Guyer and members of the committee, my name is Dave Bertz, Director of Operations of Camp Tadmor outside Lebanon, Oregon. I have also served on the advisory committee to the Oregon Health Authority for the last two revisions of Organizational Camp Rules (ORS 333-030). I appreciate the opportunity to give testimony in support of HB 3292. This bill will clarify the relationship between the camp owner and our programming, and responsibilities and programs of those who rent or lease our facilities.

Camp Tadmor has provided summer camp opportunities since 1971. Over the years, like most other camps, we realized that in order to sustain our facilities, rental or lease to other organizations would be necessary. At this point, about 50% of our revenue comes from facility rental. Through rental, we serve over 65 churches, outdoor schools, community and civic groups each year. Even under contract, the current statute holds the camp license-holder (owner) responsible for the program and actions of rental groups. This bill defines the landlord (owner) and tenant (renter) roles and allows the owner to assign, by contract, the responsibilities assumed by the renter.

As camp owners, we are willing to assume responsibility for the facilities, programs and participants that are under our control. It is not possible for us to take responsibility or liability for the program or participants of rental groups. We have worked with the Oregon Health Authority to revise the administrative rules to address this problem, but we have been unable to do that under the current statute language. This bill will allow us to work with the Oregon Health Authority to draft rules that serve both the owners and renters of organizational camps.

It is our privilege to serve those organizations who rent our facilities. HB 3292 will allow us to continue to perform this service without risking our facilities and license. This bill is supported throughout the organizational camp community. We are grateful for your support moving this bill forward.

Respectfully,

Dave Bertz
Director of Operations
Camp Tadmor

