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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on
Business and Transportation
In Support of HB 3305
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House Bill 3305-A provides much-needed consumer protection for Oregonians
who purchase a travel trailer.

The testimony in the House on this bill was quite compelling: a family had invested a tremendous amount of their savings in purchasing a travel trailer and a truck to pull it. The \$72,000 trailer turned out to be a lemon that was unusable, and the dealer was only offering to pay \$18,000 in compensation. Further, one of the state's pre-eminent consumer protection attorneys testified about the breadth of the problem. The prevalence of leaks and defects is such that he advises consumers to rent, not buy, such vehicles.

HB 3305-A addresses a quirk in current law -- travel trailers are not currently covered by the lemon law which protects those who purchase motor vehicles.

HB 3305-A will not solve all problems for these consumers. Many purchase contracts or loan agreements for these vehicles contain language requiring the buyer to sign away their right to a jury trial to pursue justice if they are sold a defective trailer. This language is buried in many consumer contracts, and it redefines rules for settling claims like these in such a way that the dealer is protected and the rights of consumers are severely limited.

Nonetheless, **HB 3305-A is a pro-consumer bill that deserves your YES vote.** helping Oregon consumers. We urge your support for HB 3305.