



TO: House Business and Labor Committee  
FROM: Don Horton, ORPA Legislative Affairs Chair  
DATE: February 12, 2018  
RE: Support for HB 4093

On behalf of nearly 1,700 members of the Oregon Recreation and Park Association (ORPA), including 62 park and recreation agencies as well as professionals, and volunteers, I am pleased to express support for House Bill 4093.

While on its surface the bill is about amateur athlete status and employment status, underlying is a foundational partnership that ORPA would like to see maintained.

In an era when funding for parks and recreation agencies is in short supply, we applaud our members who seek new funding, creative ideas and public-private partnerships that allows enhancement of programs and facilities without charging citizens more.

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District has a signed operating agreement with the Winterhawks to build and manage a 2-rink facility in Beaverton. This facility will be open to all citizens. The viability of this critically needed facility relies upon the continued stability of the Winterhawks. HB 4093, if passed, will provide the Winterhawks with the assurances they and the partnership need.

Additionally, failure to clarify amateur status for these types of athletes could ultimately endanger other sports teams throughout the state, and potentially eliminate partners for other Park and Recreation agencies.

We urge your consideration of this additional benefit of HB 4093.