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Sincerely, William Aguilar 3715 Crystal Ridge Dr SE Puyallup, WA 98372-5251



March 18, 2019

Dear Chair Representative Witt, Co-Vice Chairs Representative Gorsek and Representative Sprenger, and Members of the Committee,

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Northwest Rafting Company shares the beauty of Oregon's rivers with guests from all over the world. We run multi-day trips in Oregon on the Rogue River, Chetco River, Illinois River, and Owyhee River. Having access to paddle wild rivers is fundamental to our business' success.

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Thank you for your time and the opportunity to submit testimony,

Zachary Collier Owner & Outfitter Northwest Rafting Company

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Sincerely, Alison Fountain 20792 SE Shea Ct Bend, OR 97702-3409

My fiance and I moved to Oregon FOR THE RIVERS! The outdoor recreation in the Pacific Northwest, and of course specifically Oregon, is extremely important to so many of its residents. We move here for it, we stay for it, and we will raise our kids here because of it. The waterways and access to them is the heart and soul of so many of our favorite activities. In addition to supporting American Whitewater's message below, I wanted to add my personal sentiments to how much bills like this mean to us. Please support our ability to remain a stakeholder in river access decisions for years to come!

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We need to preserve public access to our state's waterways, both to maintain Oregon's outstanding outdoor opportunities and to support our growing outdoor recreation economy.

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Sincerely, Hannah Buckingham 1552 Ferry St Eugene, OR 97401-4246

As a whitewater paddler, guidebook author and resident of Salem, OR I have spent the last 15 years paddling Oregon's rivers. We have a high density of scenic, rugged and wild rivers in this state. To be able to travel down these rivers, to experience Oregon by way of rivers, we must first be able to access them. So I ask for your support to protect access to our state's incredible and unique waterways through the passage of House Bill 2835, as it is amended. This legislation (as it is to be amended) will preserve and enhance public access to waterways by:

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For the reasons stated above, I ask that you please support HB 2835 as proposed for amendment.

Thank you,

Sincerely, Sheri Dover 9220 SW Capitol Hwy Portland, OR 97219-5352

As a whitewater paddler who personally enjoys visiting Oregon's rivers, I ask for your support to protect access to our state's incredible and unique waterways through the passage of House Bill 2835, as it is amended. This legislation (as it is to be amended) will preserve and enhance public access to waterways by:

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Sincerely, Walker Davis 56898 Gina Ln Bend, OR 97707-2023

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Sincerely, Willie Levenson 707 SW Washington St Ste 1500 Portland, OR 97205-3532

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Sincerely, Yotam Aviv 18 Cottontail Ridge Rd White Salmon, WA 98672-8404