



February 14, 2023

Senate Committee on Judiciary  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 754 Recreational Liability Reform

Chair Prozanski and Members of the Committee:

My name is Samuel Drevo and I'm the owner of eNRG Kayaking located in Oregon City. We are based at Willamette Falls and have put thousands of Oregonians on the river in kayaks / canoes and paddleboards. We are an industry leader in river safety and certification of instructors and we employ over 20 people in the summer, contributing to the local and state economy.

I'm writing to ask for your support of SB 754 related to liability waiver reform. eNRG Kayaking has been in business for 22 years and we are staring at a 400% increase in general liability coverage in 2023. These days even a small claim in our business can mean the difference between operating and not especially due to all the recent recreational lawsuits / settlements in the business (Ski Bowl, Mt Bachelor, Next Adventure etc.).

Insurance never used to be an issue for us. But due to increased liability exposure from these lawsuits, it's getting more difficult for operators like me to keep our doors open. SB 754 would return Oregon to its historical standard and put us back in line with every other western state. It would fix this problem and help support Oregon's outdoor recreation economy. I strongly urge you to support this bill.

Sincerely,

*Samuel Drevo*

Samuel Drevo  
Co-Owner / Director  
eNRG Kayaking