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Chair Prozanski & Members of the
Senate Judiciary Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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SDAO has approximately 950 members representing about 32 different types of districts including parks and recreation, library, water, sewer, irrigation, ports, and soil and water conservation districts to name a few. Many of our districts provide recreational opportunities on the property that own and control.

SDAO would like to express its support for the dash three (-3) amendment to SB 1576, which would temporarily provide a “fix” to the Fields v Newport case. Although our association has not called for closures of improved trails that our members operate, we are aware of at least one district that has done so.

It is our association’s hope that any subsequent work groups that undertakes a comprehensive review of the state’s recreational immunity statute include a representative of the SDAO.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the Chair for his leadership on this topic.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,



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