



VOTE YES ON SB1576A: SUPPORT SMALL COMMUNITY RECREATION

Oregon's small municipalities work hard to provide their residents and visitors the parks, recreational areas and open spaces that help them truly enjoy where they live. But for many small towns, the risks associated with the use of those recreational areas - and the potential for undue liability - threaten their existence.

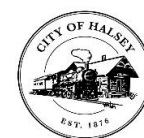
Senate Bill 1576 will add **running, walking, and bicycling** to the definition of "recreational purposes", and **city and county** to the definition of "local government" within statutes that address municipal recreational immunity. These simple changes help provide an appropriate and necessary liability safeguard for Oregon's small cities as they work to provide these important recreational opportunities. In the words of Michelle Eldridge, Harrisburg City Administrator, "*...The inclusion of those words into recreational immunity law will result in our insurer rescinding their advice to close trails.*"

Senate Bill 1576 will help Oregon's smallest communities keep their trails and parks open, and allow time to create a longer-term solution that works for all.

Please Support Community Recreation and SB1576A.

Sincerely,

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