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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
Relating to Recreational Immunity**

Clackamas County supports legislation to codify recreational immunity for landowners who allow Oregonians access to their lands for recreational use and enjoyment and for local governments, special districts, and their officers, employees, and agents who act within the scope of their employment or duties to provide and maintain public trail systems.

Clackamas County has a rich tourism economy built around access to recreation venues like community parks, rivers, trails, and agritourism locations. The county also hosts 570,000 acres of federal forest land (52% of the land in Clackamas County), including Oregon's tallest mountain. These abundant natural resources attract visitors from across the globe.

Recreational immunity allows Clackamas County and its special districts to provide unrestricted access to public lands and nature areas. Without secure recreational immunity, park providers, like the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District (NCPRD), will see higher insurance premiums due to the increased risk of lawsuits. Clackamas County and NCPRD would be required to decrease services and close certain amenities to the public if recreational immunity under SB 1576 (2024) is allowed to sunset. The County's other public lands and nature areas, such as County Parks and forestlands, rely on the protection of recreational immunity when granting recreational access to the public.

We urge a "yes" vote on SB 179.

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