



To: Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Jennifer Stephens, Program Manager, Regional Business Alliance

Subject: **Opposition to SB 1517**

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Dear Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Thatcher, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

The Regional Business Alliance **opposes SB 1517** and supports SB 1593. As a local business alliance working in the central Oregon tri-county area of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties, we oppose any legislation that singles out winners or losers in the recreation industry whether that be ski-only, outdoor-only, or otherwise. Throughout our entire region, there are small family-owned businesses who organize group mountain bike rides, seasonal outfitters who offer white water rafting trips, and hunting and fishing guides. Our region is also home to world-class outdoor recreation destinations and local businesses who assist or provide the opportunity for locals and visitors to experience Smith Rock, the Deschutes River, and Mt. Bachelor.

The recreation and fitness industry is not just important to those business operators, and employees, but for our regional economy as well. Central Oregon's access to a variety of year-round recreation in our backyard is a notable reason for people and businesses to move here, and to stay here.

Please **oppose SB 1517** and support SB 1593.

Thank you,

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