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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Commerce and General  
Government

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1593

Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of SB 1593 with an amendment to include youth waivers signed by a parent or guardian.

SB 1593's proposed changes to Oregon's waiver enforceability would reduce costs, create greater certainty for small organizations, and protect access and opportunity for outdoor recreation lovers and stewardship volunteers alike. In order for recreation to be accessible to all, we need to see a lack of fear of usage - if the land steward is fearful of being sued, they will close access to protect themselves.

Please amend the bill to include youth waivers as we place high value on families recreating and participating in stewardship activities together.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.