

RE: SB 1593 SUPPORT

Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and members of the committee,

My name is Victor McNeil and I'm the Owner of Eagle Cap Mountain Guides.

I strongly support the Oregon Recreation Commerce and Affordability Act of 2026 (ORCA) - SB1593.

Our guide service operates guided backcountry ski trips in the Wallowa Mountains of NE, OR. This is our fifth winter, operating a variety of programs including day trips, overnight hut trips, and a ski traverse across the Wallowa range.

We have a short operating period from January to early April. Our fixed costs, like equipment and liability insurance, aren't getting cheaper and we are concerned about continual coverage. The Oregon Recreation Liability issue is a real problem for outfitters like us.

Without any enforceability of our liability waiver, we are at risk of potentially disastrous consequences if a lawsuit were to take place.

As a small business, we feel ORCA has a strong potential to help businesses like ours. We would hate to think about not being able to operate and discontinue showing visitors one of the true splendors of Oregon.

Thank you for your time.

Victor McNeil
Owner, Eagle Cap Mountain Guides